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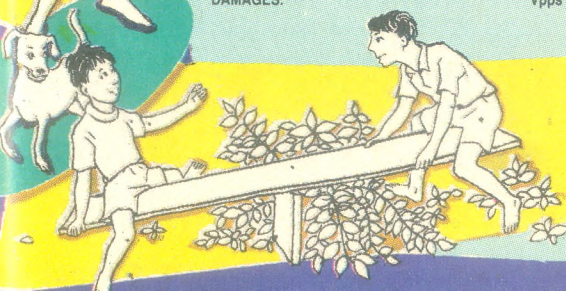
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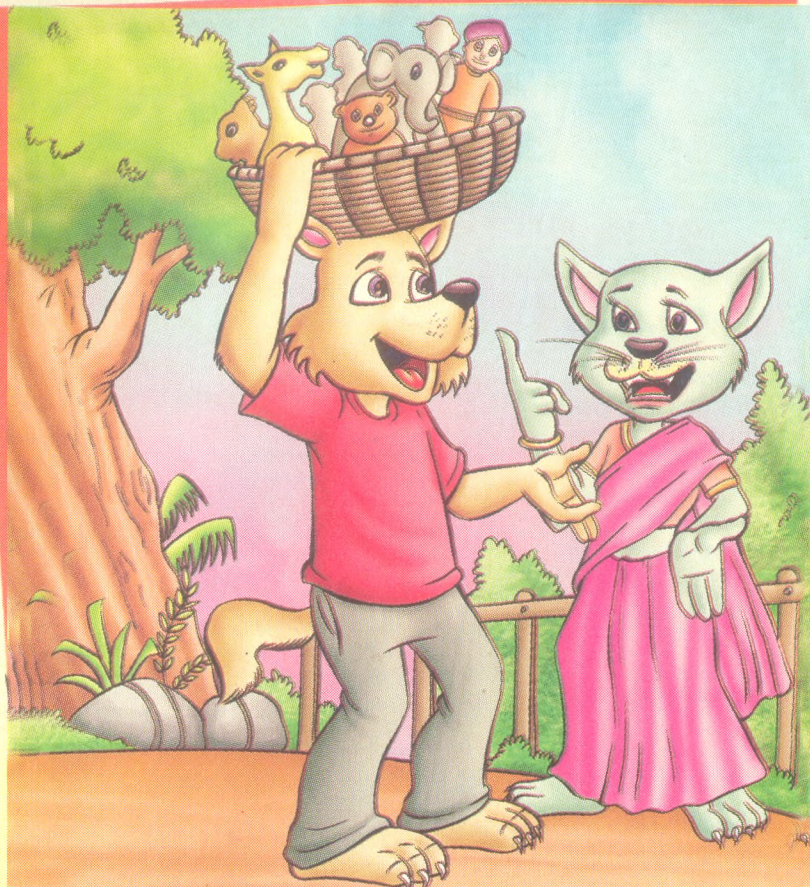
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Toy Thief

by Aparna Majumdar

A FAIR was organised in Champakvan. Pussy Cat made terricota toys for selling them in the exhibition. She arranged her toys in a basket and set out towards the fair.

The fair venue was quite far away from Pussy's house. She got tired of walking for a long time, so she sat down under a banyan tree to relax. She kept her basket of toys aside on the ground. Suddenly,

she felt she was very thirsty. She looked everywhere and found a well little away.

She left her basket under the tree and went to the well to quench her thirst.

She felt rejuvenated after having cold water from the well.

She returned to the tree and to her horror she found her basket of toys was missing. She became very disturbed.

She searched for her missing basket everywhere and suddenly she saw Montu Jackal was walking away with her basket on his head.

Pussy ran and stopped Montu. She asked, "Where are you walking away with my basket of toys?"

"Your basket? This is my basket," replied Montu.

"No... no, this is my basket. I had kept it under the banyan tree. You are stealing away my basket," said Pussy.

"You are claiming my basket to be yours and on the top of it you are calling me a thief. Get going, I am getting late for the fair," said Montu.

The argument between Pussy and Montu flared up. Somebody informed the police when he saw both of them fighting.

Soon Inspector Appu Elephant arrived accompanied by his 2 constables. He heard their contention. The matter was indeed serious. Both of them were claiming the basket to be theirs. It was difficult to decide that who was the owner of the basket. Inspector Appu produced both of them before King Sher Singh.

"My Lord, this is my basket. Pussy is claiming

this basket and wants to grab my toys," Montu pleaded with folded hands.

"Sir, he is lying. This is my basket. I personally have made all these toys with my hands," said Pussy and told everything in detail to the King.

The King said to Pussy, "But does that prove that the basket of toys belongs to you?"

"My Lord, this is indeed my basket. I can tell you what all types of toys are in the basket," argued Pussy.

"Fine then tell me," said King Sher Singh.

"Sir, the basket contains the toys of king and queen, elephant and horse, parrot and the doll," said Pussy.

"See sir, how clever she is. She had seen all my toys on the way," said Montu Jackal.

"Where were you taking these toys?" the King asked Montu.

"I was on my way for selling them in the fair," replied Montu.

King Sher Singh consulted his minister the Tiger and asked Montu, "Tell me, how much money you were going to make by selling the toys in the basket?"

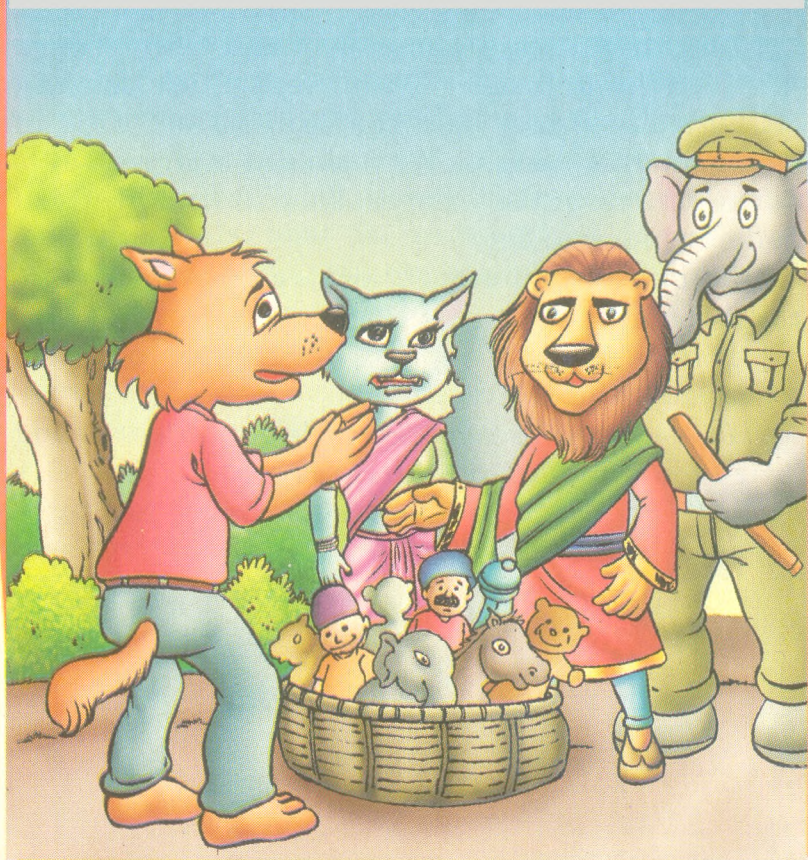
The Jackal got scared.

He thought for a while and said, "My Lord, I have not decided about the selling price so far."

King Sher Singh then asked Pussy, "Now you tell me how much money you were going to make selling the toys?"

Pussy calculated on her fingers and said, "My Lord, had I sold all the toys, I would earned Rs. 145."

"How?" enquired the King.



Pussy told the price of each toy. The minister noted down all the prices and found the total to be Rs 145.

The Minister Tiger said to Sher Singh, "Sir, Montu Jackal is the toy thief; he only has stolen Pussy's toys. The one is out for selling toys decides about the selling price in advance. Pussy had decided about the selling price while making the toys. The basket of toys belongs to Pussy."

King Sher Singh ordered Montu to give the basket of toys to Pussy and dispatched Montu to the prison to serve long sentence.

IT IS an old story. Honey Ant and Chini Lizard lived in a jungle. Both were thick friends. One day Honey said to Chini, "I am tired of living in this jungle. Why should not we settle down in some of the villages. We will find plenty of delicious food to eat."

"You are right, but how will we cross the river?" asked Chini.

"It is quite easy," replied Honey, "we can make a boat out of tree leaves."

Honey and Chini made a boat out of leaves and sailed out. But in a hurry they forgot to carry eatables in the boat. After travelling for some distance Chini said, "I am hungry."

HONEY AND CHINI

by Narendra Devangan



Honey too was hungry but she could not do anything as there was nothing to eat. A little later totally exhausted Chini sat down on the floor of the boat.

On the other hand Honey too was hungry. She thought, 'This boat is made up of leaves and sometimes I used to eat these leaves, why should I not eat them.'

And she began nibbling the boat made up of leaves.

Chini got up when she heard the sound 'Tak... tak'.

She said, "What is this sound?"

Honey immediately stretched out as if she was fast asleep.

'Maybe I had seen a dream,' thought Chini and she too stretched.

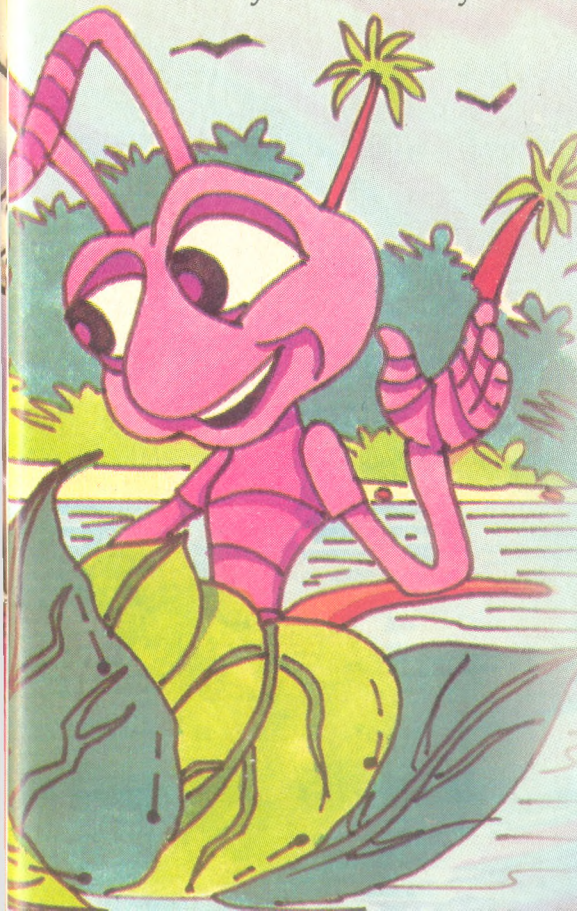
A little later Honey once again started nibbling the boat.

Chini woke up again and asked, "What is this sound?"

Honey once again posed as if she was sleeping.

'What is this kind of strange dream?' thought Chini and she slept again.

Chini got up the



third time because of the nibbling sound but she was least aware of the reality. Honey this time also posed as if she was sleeping.

A little later, Honey, by her constant nibbling, made a hole in the bottom of the boat and the water started gushing in rapidly.

"What is happening?" asked Chini and she almost jumped.

"I was hungry," replied Honey.

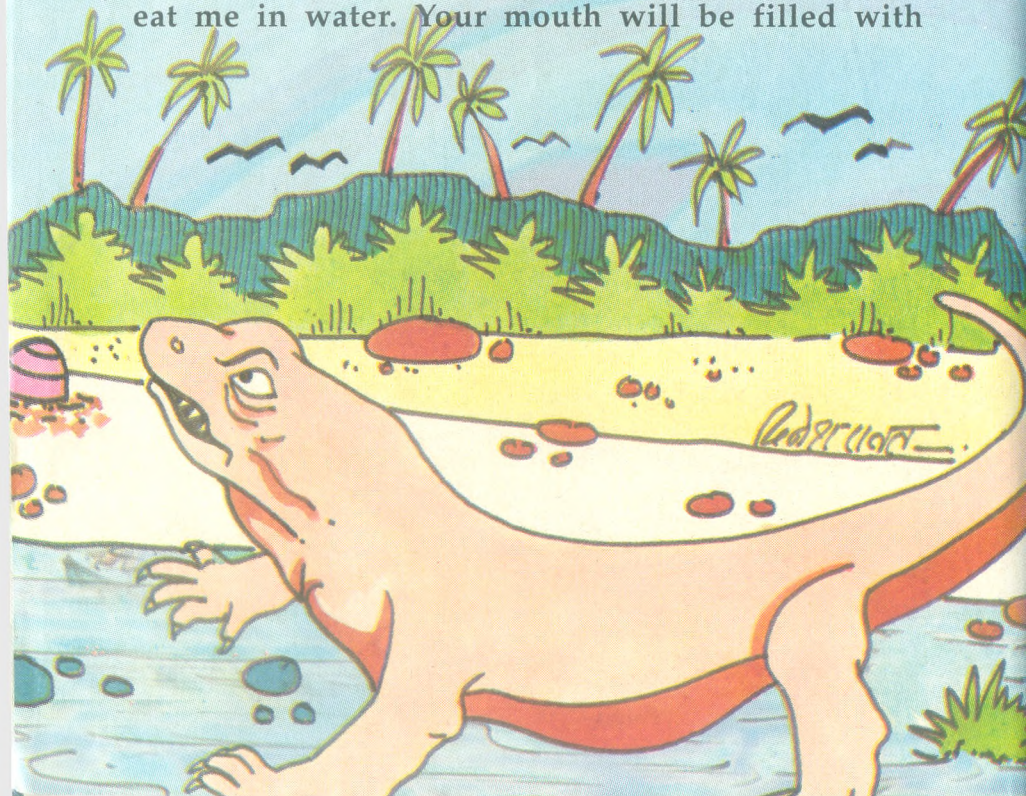
"You fool! What have you done?" said Chini while climbing on the other edge of the boat.

"I was dying because of hunger," said Honey.

The boat started sinking because of the rising water level. Both the friends jumped in the water to save their lives.

"I will eat you," said Chini.

"I am the culprit," said Honey, "but you do not eat me in water. Your mouth will be filled with



water. You please wait till we swim across to dry land."

"Okay, but I will eat you once we are on the dry land," said Chini.

They landed on the dry land. Chini then said, "So get ready to die."

"Of course do eat me. But just see how wet I am. Let me dry myself, meanwhile you too dry up yourself. Then you can eat me," said Honey.

Both the friends started drying themselves in the sun. Chini started licking her paws. Honey, who was sitting behind Chini, quickly dug a hole in the ground.

A little later Chini asked, "Are you ready?"

"Yes absolutely," said Honey and quickly entered her hole.

"You cheat," shouted Chini.

Honey's hole was too small for Chini and Chini failed to get into Honey's hole.

"Never mind, but you can't come out alive from your hole. I am waiting for you. The moment you will come out of the hole, I will eat you," said Chini.

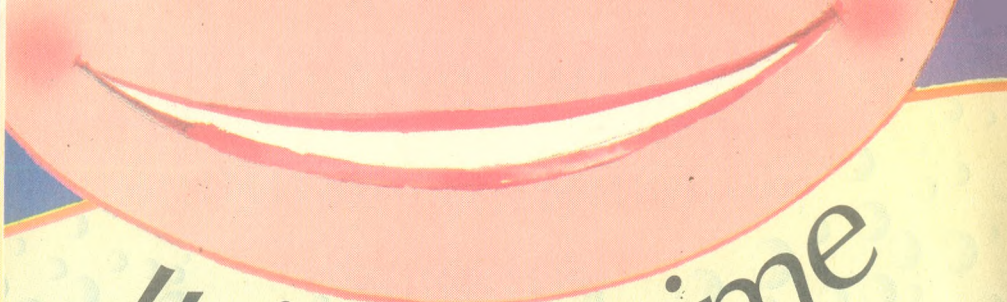
"And what if I do not come out?" asked Honey.

"Then you will die of hunger in the hole," said Chini.

Chini waited for a long time for Honey to emerge out of the hole. In the end she left as she was tired.

Chini warned Honey before leaving, "How long you will save yourself. Some day I will find you and eat you."

Since then the lizards always pounce on the ants and eat them away.



It is Funtime

Manish: Suresh, you had a colour TV. Then how did it change into a black and white one?

Suresh: See, there are so many advertisements for washing soaps coming in the TV. They have changed our colour TV into a black and white one.

—Ashok, Palampur.

*

Teacher: If it takes 15 men 12 hours to build a wall, how long will it take 5 men?

Mohan: No time at all. The 15 have already built it.

—Amrit Singh, Mumbai.

*

Teacher: If I cut 2 apples and 2 bananas into 10 pieces each and then add 10 cherries, what do I have?

Sita: A fruit salad, sir.

—Shalni, Patna.

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Nitish: I eaten 7 hamburgers for lunch, Miss.

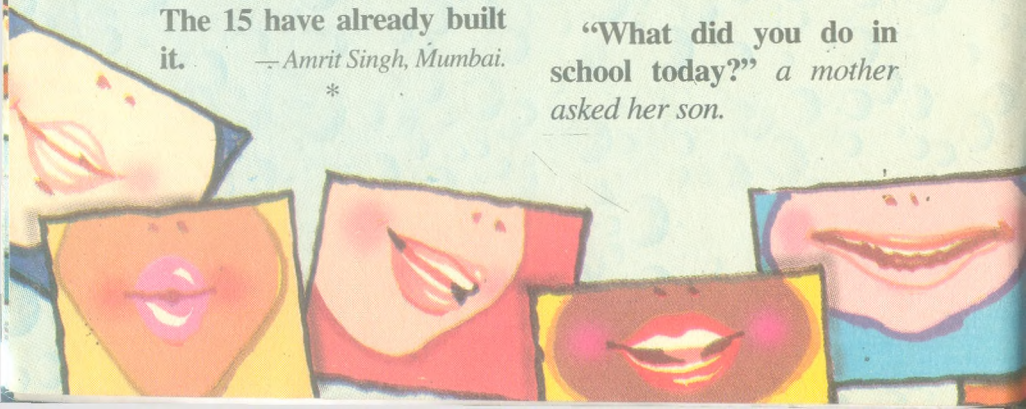
Teacher: Ate, Nitish, ate.

Nitish: No Miss, 7. There were 8 on the table but I could not manage the last one.

—Suneel, Mathura.

*

“What did you do in school today?” a mother asked her son.



“Oh, current events.”

“What, you mean PM Manmohan Singh, Microsoft and things like that?”

“No Mum,” said the boy. “Current events mean batteries, electric circuits and things like that.”

—Jyotsana, Delhi.

*

Suresh: What is the difference between a railway guard and a teacher?

Neeti: One minds the train while the other trains the mind.

—Sonu, Mumbai.

*

When dad came home, he was astonished to see Mayank writing something on the back of their pet Tommy.

“What on earth are you doing there?” he asked.

“Well, teacher told us to write an essay on our favourite animal. That is why I am writing an essay on his back.”

—Lata Maheshwari, Haridwar.

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“Kamal,” said the supervisor, “please don’t whistle while you work.”

“Who is working, sir?”

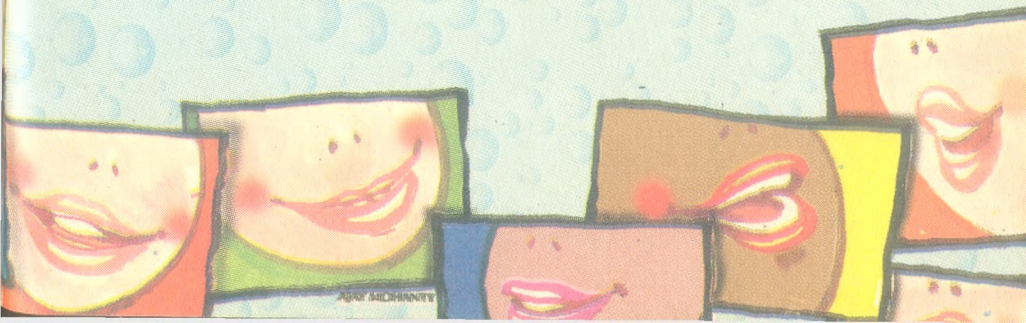
—Manish, Bangalore.

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Joy: Anu, if you had 5 apples on your desk and I took one away, what would you have?

Anu: I would have 4 apples and you would have a fight on your hands.

—Aditya, Delhi

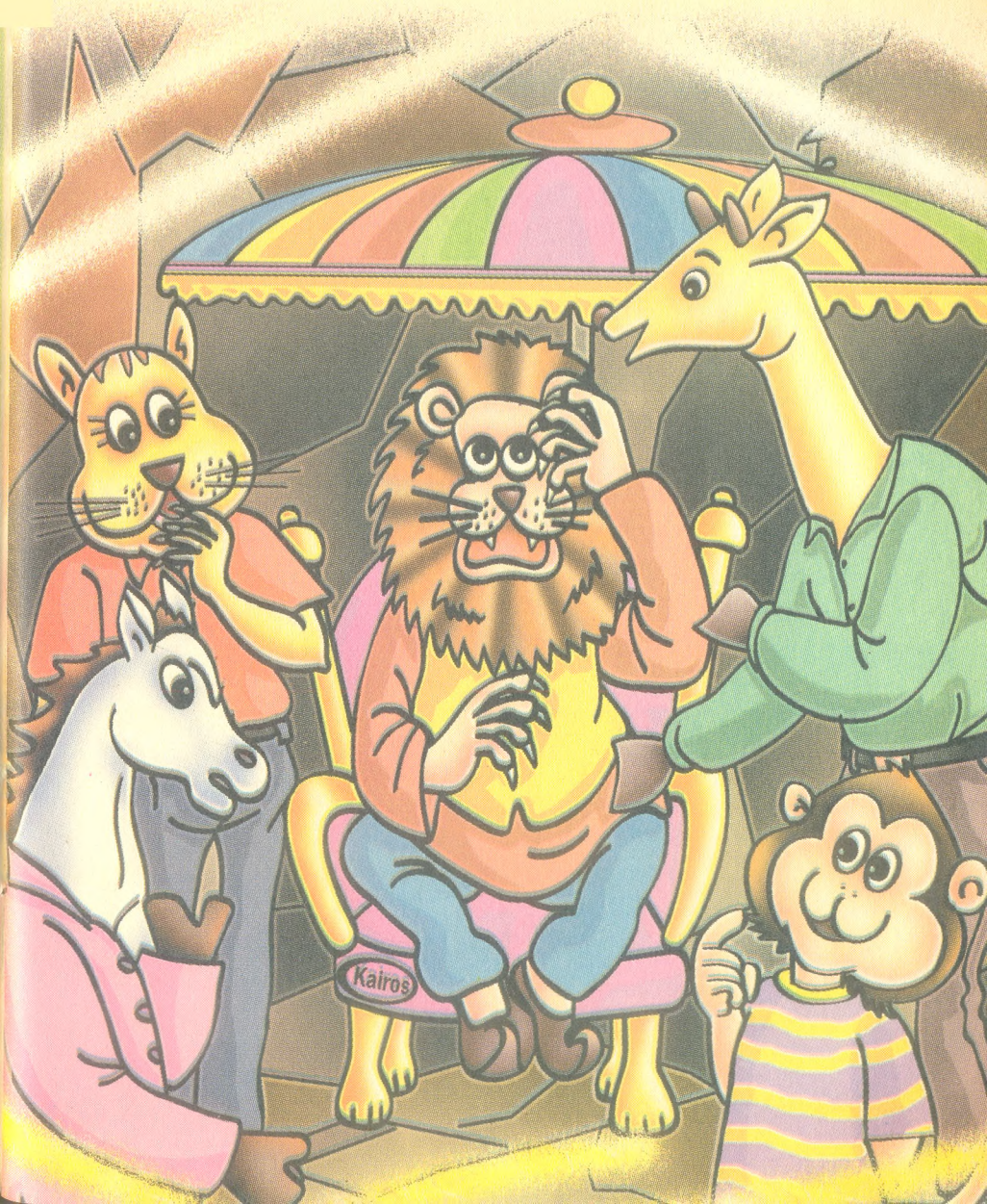


Find out the thing which is not related to games.



Unity is Strength

by Satyanarain Bhatnagar



IT WAS pouring heavily in Sundervan. Strong gales were making frightening noises. King Sher Singh was sitting with his ministers in his den on the hill. The King was worried for small animals. 'What they must be doing? How they would be saving themselves?'

The Defence Minister Cheetu Singh said, "Sir, you do not worry about them. Animals have a speciality. They can know what is going to happen much before the storm. They can manage themselves. You just watch, they all would have rushed to a safer place."

Massey Horse, Billoo Monkey, Peelu Giraffe also agreed with Cheetu Singh.

"Sir, we knew that a storm was in the making. That is why we have assembled here in this cave high on the hill," they said together.

Sher Singh was still worried, "How can the birds survive in this torrential rain? Their nests must have been washed away."

Gradually, the storm subsided.

Sher Singh said to his Defence Minister Cheetu Singh, "Come, let us go and take stock of the situation in Sundervan. Rest of the animals followed the King. While climbing down the hill they saw a big tree was uprooted and was lying on the ground.

Sher Singh said,



"Did you see, this was the oldest and the biggest tree of our jungle. See, what fate this tree has met. I do not even find any nest on this tree. I am sure a great loss must have taken place."

Cheetu Singh said, "Yes Your Honour, you are absolutely right."

Sher Singh went further on his inspection round with his ministers. A little ahead he found a bunch of trees and all the trees were intact. The nests on the trees were also safe.

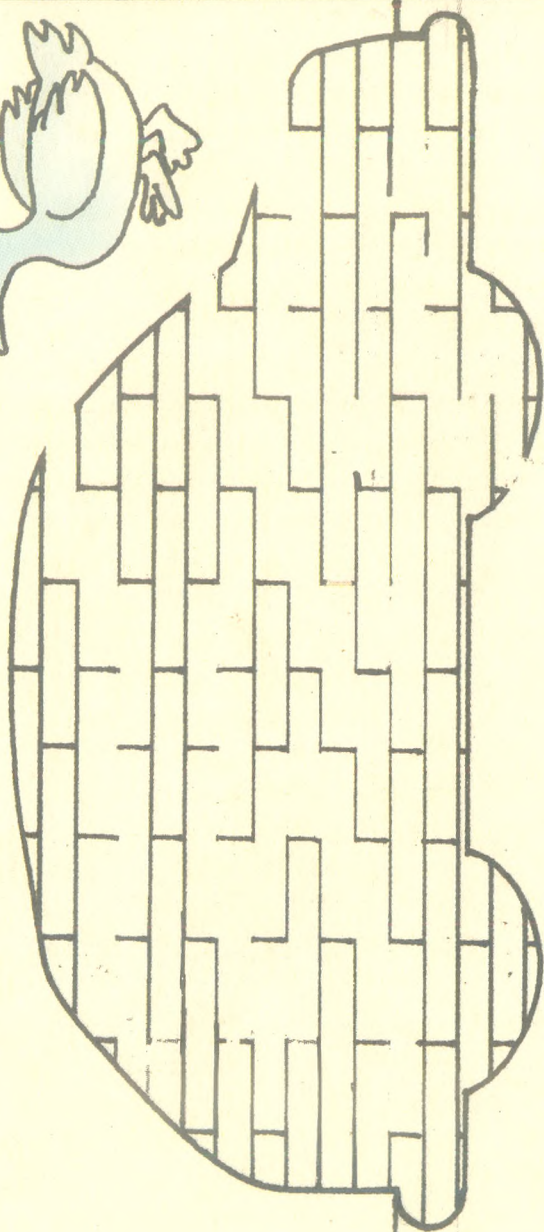
The Defence Minister Cheetu Singh said, "The bigger tree fell down and this bunch of trees is very much intact. How this was possible?"

King Sher Singh said, "The big tree was all alone and could not withstand the storm. These trees were in a group and hence they survived the storm. The one who is all alone would not have survived the storm. The group has an unity and unity is strength. These small trees are intact because of power of unity."

Peelu Giraffe said, "Yes Your Honour, you are right. I have seen the men going with huge elephants tied with rope made up of straw. The elephant was on one side and the straw was on the other hand. Unity has a strength."

King Sher Singh smiled, "That is why I say that when Sundervan will have a spirit of brotherhood only then it would be beautiful."

Lead the duck to her eggs.



True Friend

by Gyandev Mukesh

BLACKY BEAR and Whity Rabbit were good friends. Blacky was very good at studies and always secured first position in his class. Whity too was no less sharp in studies than Blacky. But despite all his efforts, he always found his rank at the 2nd position.

When, as usual, he secured second position in the 5th standard, he started crying.

Blacky Bear tried to console his friend and said, "You too have secured very good marks in the examination. You have got hardly little less marks than me."

But Whity Rabbit did not stop crying. He said, "Next time I will ensure that I score more marks than you."

Blacky replied, "That is the right spirit. It is always good to compete in studies. I certainly want that you must secure 1st position in the class."

Whity started studying very hard. He prepared all his subjects very well. Soon the academic year came to an end and the

examinations were round the corner.

Meanwhile Blacky Bear fell ill. Whity became very happy. He thought, 'Thank God, now that Blacky is ill, nobody can stop me from securing 1st position in the class.'

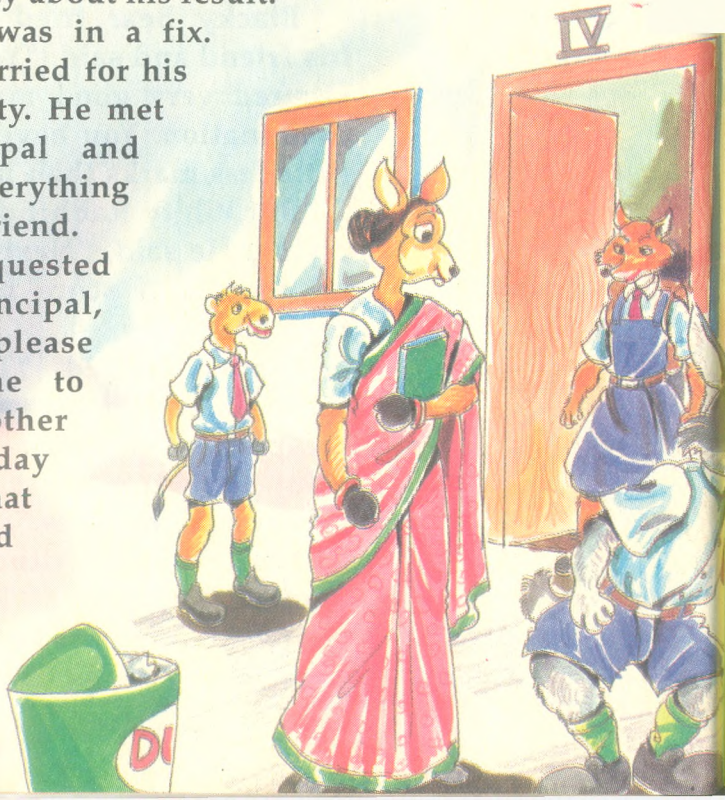
But Blacky had a firm determination. Despite his illness, he kept on studying hard. He attempted all his examinations very well. Even Whity did well.

The day results were to be announced, Whity could not make it to be present in the school as his bicycle had developed a problem. Blacky Bear came to the school right on time. This year too Blacky was ranked 1st and Whity was 2nd in the class.

The Teacher requested Blacky, "On the way to your home, inform your friend Whity about his result."

Blacky was in a fix. He was worried for his friend Whity. He met the Principal and told him everything about his friend.

He requested the Principal, "Sir, please transfer me to some other school today itself so that my friend Whity will be ranked 1st in his class."



The Principal respected Blacky's contention and his concern for his friend.

Thus, Whity was adjudged to the 1st in his class. With the great news about his results Whity was extremely delighted and felt on the top of the world.

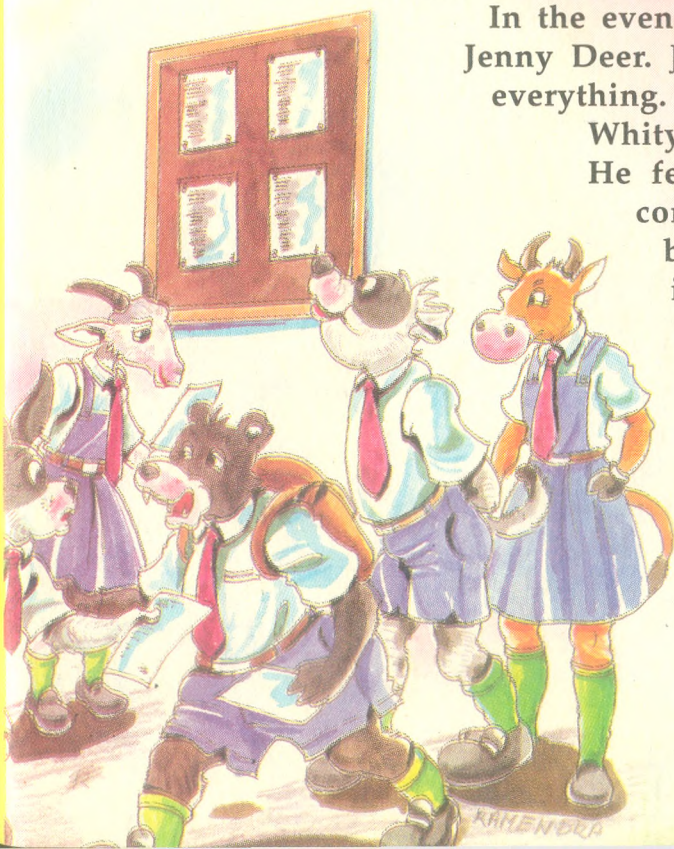
Whity's roll number in the class was 1st; and he expected his friend Blacky to be 2nd on the rolls. But he did not see Blacky anywhere in the class. The teacher took roll call but Blacky's name was not called for during the roll call.

Whity was worried. Without the company of his friend, Whity was not able to concentrate on his studies. He remained silent the whole day and was sad as well.

In the evening, Whity met Jenny Deer. Jenny told him everything.

Whity was surprised. He felt that he had committed a biggest mistake in his life. He was repenting on his selfish wish.

He was ranked 1st in the class. But he soon realised that he had lost his best friend. ●



SMS

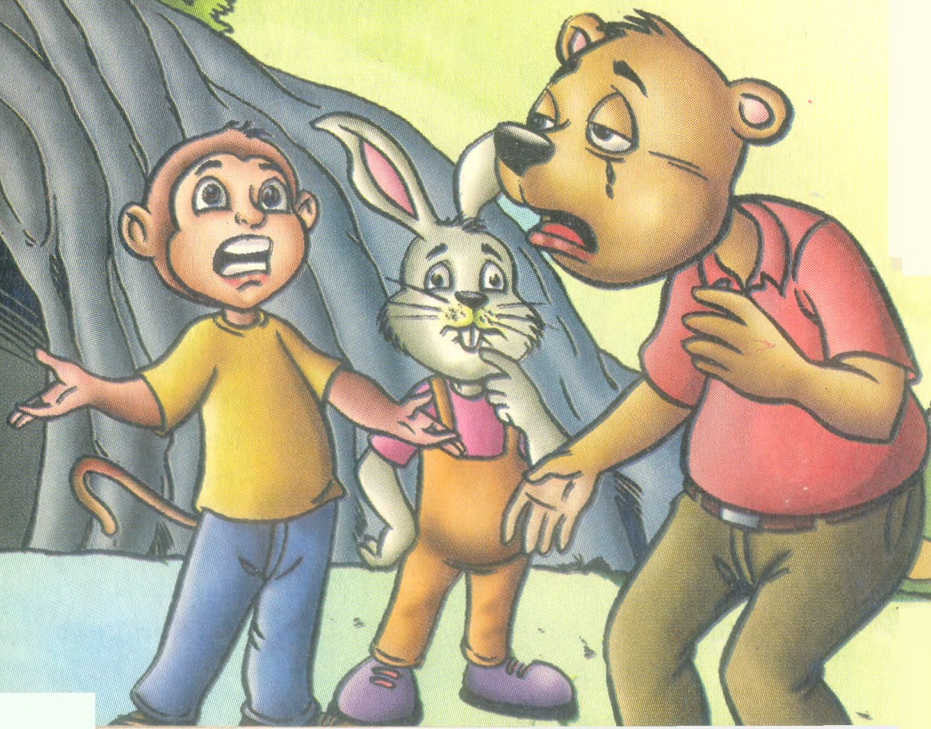
MONU MONKEY and Rabbito Rabbit were astonished to observe sudden change in Blacky Bear.

One day Rabbito and Monu were playing near the lake. They saw Blacky. He was going towards the den in the Blue Valley with a briefcase in his hand.

"Monu, do you see what I am seeing?" said Rabbito.

"Indeed, I am seeing what you are seeing. But why Blacky is going towards the den? Does he not

by Sangeeta



know that there is a ghost in the den?" said Monu.

"Yes, I also have heard the same thing," said Rabbito and he started thinking.

"Rabbito, why should we not follow Blacky? It is getting dark and he is heading towards the danger. If he lands up in trouble we can help him out," suggested Monu.

Both of them followed Blacky. A little later Blacky went down in the Blue Valley and entered the den. He left the briefcase and came out of the den.

Monu tried to stop Blacky and wanted to ask something but was stopped by Rabbito.

Once Blacky had left the place Monu asked, "Rabbito Brother, why did you stop me from stopping Blacky? I would have known the reality right now."

"Monu, immediate enquiry would have spoiled everything," explained Rabbito.

"I do not understand," said Monu.

"It is simple. It is quite possible that Blacky had hidden his treasure in the den. He is well aware that nobody visits this place because of the fear of the ghost," explained Rabbito.

"But is Blacky not afraid of the ghost?" asked Monu.

"Come on, Blacky must be aware that there is no ghost," said Rabbito.

"Forget all this, let us go back home," said Monu.

Both of them returned home.

One evening they saw Blacky walking down once again towards the den with a briefcase in his hand.

"Rabbito, if Blacky has his treasure in the den then why he has tears in his eyes?" asked Monu.

"Yes, it is not clear to me even," replied Rabbito.

"Come, let us ask him today what is the matter," suggested Monu.

A little later they both came in front of Blacky.

They blocked Blacky's way and said, "Blacky, we are watching you for the past one week walking towards the den with a briefcase in your hand. But when we saw tears in your eyes, we could not stop ourselves asking you what was the matter?"

"Nothing, it is just the fate," Blacky said with tearful eyes.

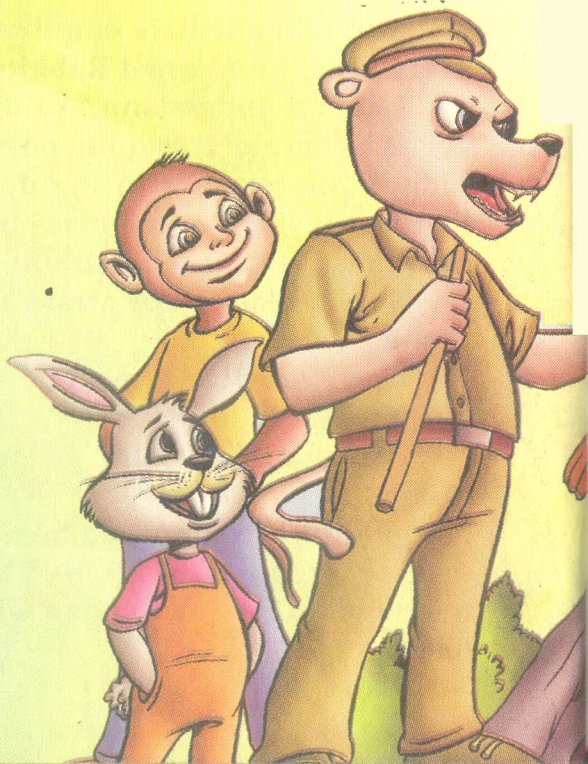
"But why do you curse your fate everytime. If you tell us your problem, may be we can be of some help to you," suggested Rabbito.

"For the past one week I am getting threatening SMS messages on my mobile to come to the den otherwise...," said Blacky and he started crying.

"Blacky Brother, why did not you seek the help from the police?" asked Monu.

"The SMS clearly warned that if I went to the police, he would not spare my life," said Blacky.

They advised



Blacky to be brave and took him to the Police Commissioner Cheeta Singh.

Blacky informed everything about the SMS to Cheeta Singh.

He also told him the caller calls him everyday to come to the den with 10,000 rupees.

Cheetah Singh asked, "Have you seen the face of the caller?"

"No sir, it is normally darkness in the den and he always wears a mask," said Blacky.

"Okay, next time whenever you go with the money, just inform the police, we will nab him red-handed," advised Commissioner Cheeta Singh.

A few days later Kalu Crow came flying to the police station.

"Sir, today Blacky has received a SMS. He has to go with the money."

Same evening the police reached near the den with Kalu.

The moment Blacky kept the briefcase inside the den, the voice came from inside, "Now turn back and get lost."

Blacky was about to return, suddenly somebody with a black mask came out from the den. He started picking up the briefcase but was nabbed by Police Commissioner Cheeta Singh.

Inspector Baghera



Tiger dragged the masked animal out of the den and removed his mask and everybody was surprised to see his face.

"This is Jeeku Jackal. He is village cobbler," said Monu and Rabbito simultaneously.

Jeeku started seeking mercy, "Sir, please leave me. I do not know anything. I have not done anything. Meeku Fox sends me everytime, it is all masterminded by Meeku Fox."

Within short time the Inspector arrested Meeku Fox as well.

Meeku owned up under pressure, "Sir, I had purchased an old mobile phone few days ago. It had Blacky's number and I..."

Monu completed what Meeku had to say and said, "And you considered Blacky Brother to be an ATM machine and started demanding money as and when you wanted. Now ask for a rigorous prison term."

Everybody started laughing. After dispatching Jeeku and Meeku to the prison, all the 3 friends returned home happily. ●

Do you have something to say?

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GRANDPA AND CROCODILES



BY VENU VARIATH

A MAN WAS BITTEN
TO DEATH BY A
CROCODILE

IS IT TRUE?



YES, THE MIGHTY CROCODILES CAN EASILY
ATTACK AND OVERPOWER HUMANS.



HOW DOES THE
CROCODILE HUNT
FOR PREY?



THE CROCODILE HAS MANY
TRICKS UP HIS SLEEVE TO CATCH
PREY. HE LIES STILL IN THE
WATERS LIKE A LOG.



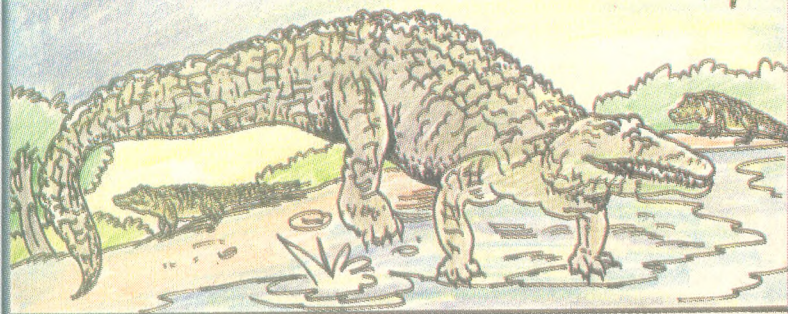
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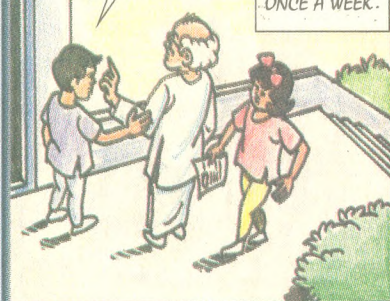


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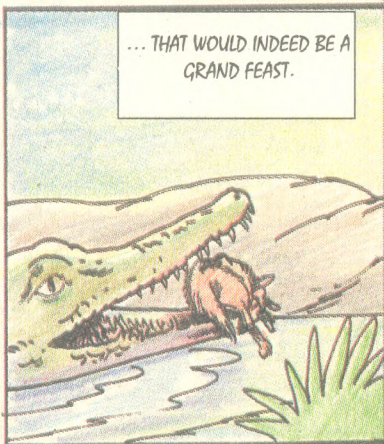


I HAVE HEARD
CROCODILES ARE
GREAT EATERS!

THAT'S WRONG.
MOST OF THE
CROCODILES
HAVE FOOD ONLY
ONCE A WEEK.



... THAT WOULD INDEED BE A
GRAND FEAST.



THE
CROCODILE
HAS VERY BIG
AND SHARP
TEETH. DO
THEY CHEW
THE FOOD
PROPERLY?



OH, NO. THEY
DON'T TAKE THE
TROUBLE OF
CHEWING THEIR
FOOD. THEY SIMPLY
SWALLOW IT.

I HAVE HEARD
CROCODILES
SWALLOW
STONES. IS IT
TRUE?

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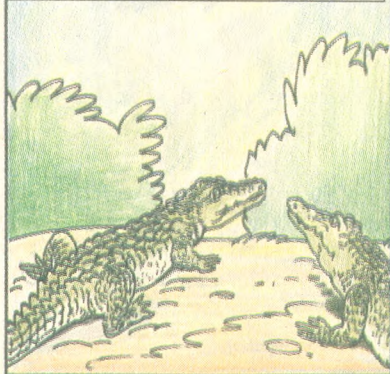


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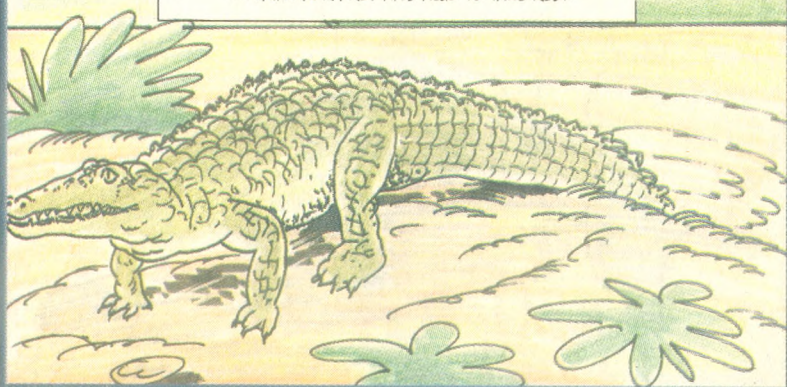
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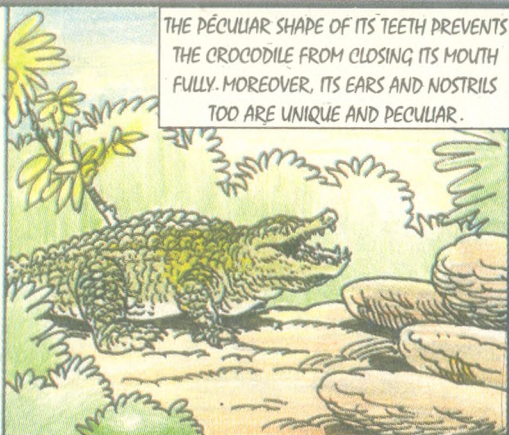
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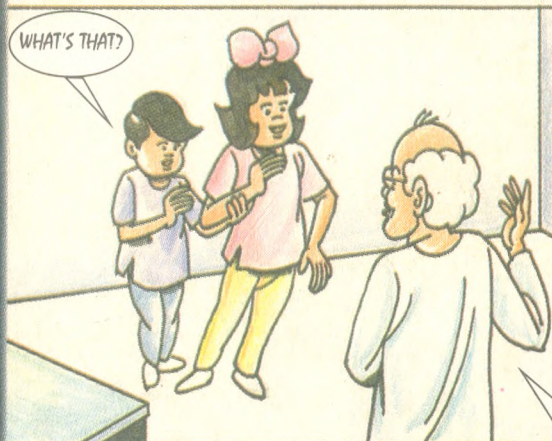
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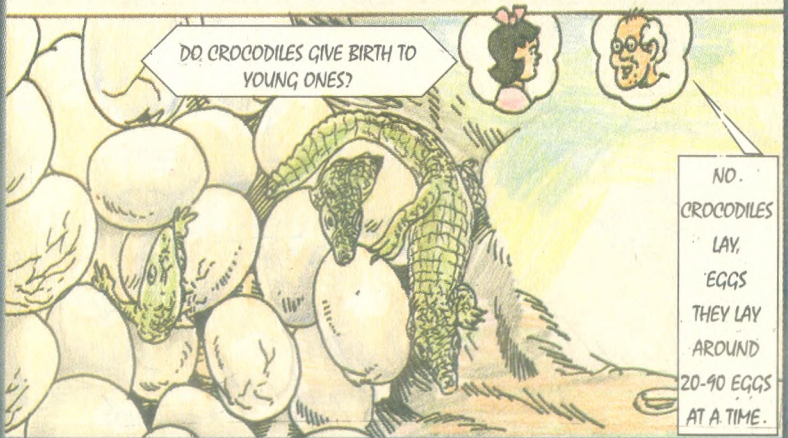


WHAT'S THAT?



CERTAIN VALVES CLOSE ITS EARS, NOSTRILS WHILE SWIMMING AND DIVING. CERTAIN FLAPS SHUT OFF PASSAGES TO THE STOMACH ... AND LUNGS.

DO CROCODILES GIVE BIRTH TO YOUNG ONES?



NO. CROCODILES LAY EGGS. THEY LAY AROUND 20-40 EGGS AT A TIME.

THE FAVOURITE FOOD OF A YOUNG CROCODILE IS FISH, WATER INSECTS, SHELL FISH AND SO ON. AS THEY GROW UP, THEY BEGAN TO HUNT BIRDS, DEER, RABBIT AND BIGGER ANIMALS.

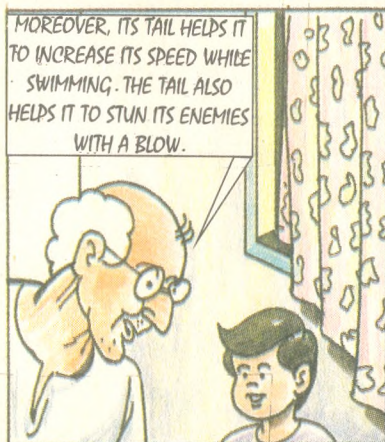


CAN A CROCODILE WALK ON ITS TAIL?



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Growing Strong

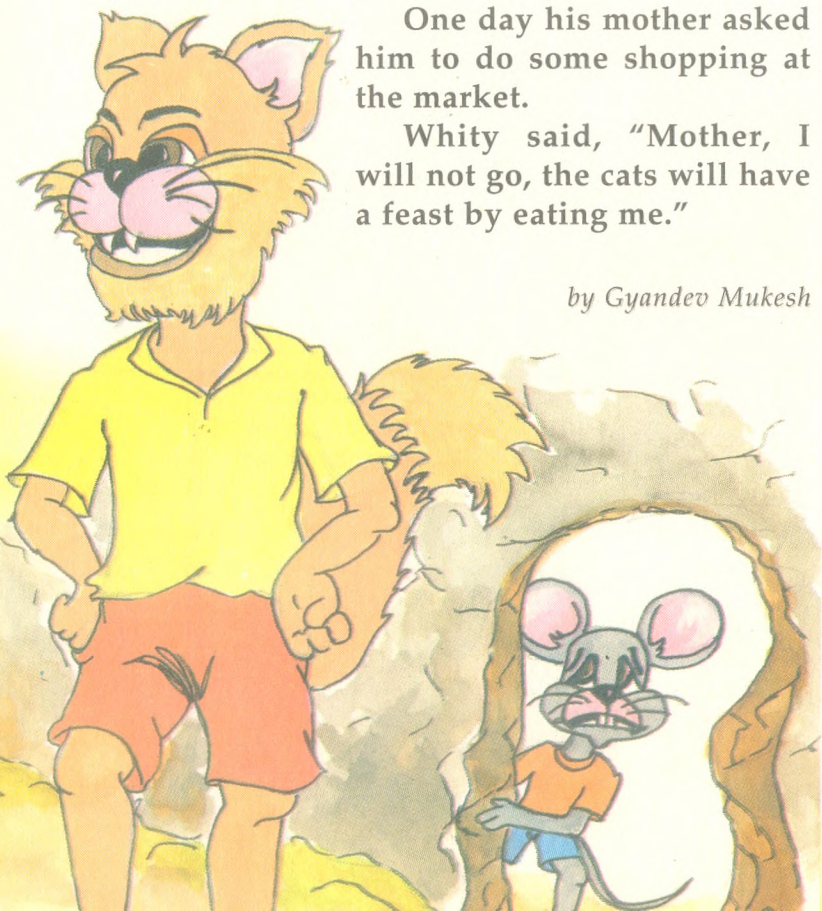
WHITY was a young mouse. He was very good at his studies and took part in various sports activities in his school. He also loved to go to gymnasium everyday. He had many good qualities but he had one mental block.

Whity Mouse was very scared of cats. The very idea to travelling from one hole to other used to make him sweat.

One day his mother asked him to do some shopping at the market.

Whity said, "Mother, I will not go, the cats will have a feast by eating me."

by Gyandev Mukesh



The mother said, "If you are so scared of cats, then you hire an auto to visit the market."

Whity said, "Auto's door is always open. The cats can easily grab me. Mother, you do one thing, buy me an aircraft. I will use it and I will not fear any cats."

The mother laughed loudly, "You are talking about an aircraft as if it is something like peanuts. I myself go to a store and do the shopping easily."

Whity started shedding tears and said, "If you do not buy me an aircraft, I will not go anywhere."

The mother tried to explain, "Son, the aircraft does not fly from the house. You have to go to the airport to board an aircraft. Moreover, an aircraft is extremely costly and buying an aircraft is not easy for common animal."

But Whity was not convinced, "Mother, you are making all sorts of excuses. I will ask Daddy, he will certainly buy me an aircraft."

Whity did not venture out of the house. He kept on sobbing for a long time. He did not even go to his school. He neither watched cartoon channel on his TV nor had proper food. He was not interested in his studies as well. In the evening his friends came for playing, which he refused. His friends Monty, Shanty too were concerned for the sudden change in his behaviour. Whity Mouse explained his problem to his friends. His friends also advised him to be realistic and practical and suggested buying an aircraft was impossible for his parents and he should overcome his fear of cats. Whity's parents were worried.

At last they thought of a trick. They got made a wooden aircraft which had seats to sit. They tied a

rope between 2 trees and hanged the aircraft in such a way so that it could slide on the rope easily between the 2 trees.

Whity liked the aircraft very much. He started dancing happily. The Elephant Uncle was Whity's good friend. He helped Whity to sit in the aircraft. Whity was enjoying the aircraft ride.

He said, "Uncle, start the aircraft's engine, I want to fly."

The Elephant Uncle inhaled a lot of air in his trunk and blew off the aircraft which slid to the other tree because of the air pressure.

Whity started clapping. He said, "Now I have nothing to fear. The cats can do no harm to me."

The aircraft picked up the speed while sliding on the rope. He tried a lot to stop it but failed and the aircraft crashed into the tree. The aircraft turned upside down with a bang and Whity fell out of the aircraft.

Down below a cat was watching Whity's air travel with a great amusement. She started watering her mouth to see Whity falling down. She pounced on Whity.

Whity was sad while falling down and when he saw the cat pouncing on him, he was dead scared. He ran at the top speed. The cat also chased Whity. Whity and cat were running at the top speed.



Now Whity was getting very angry at the aircraft. He thought, 'I wanted to use aircraft to save myself from cats and the same aircraft has landed me before a cat.'

Whity was getting tired of running. He thought, 'If I keep running like this, the cat will catch me.'

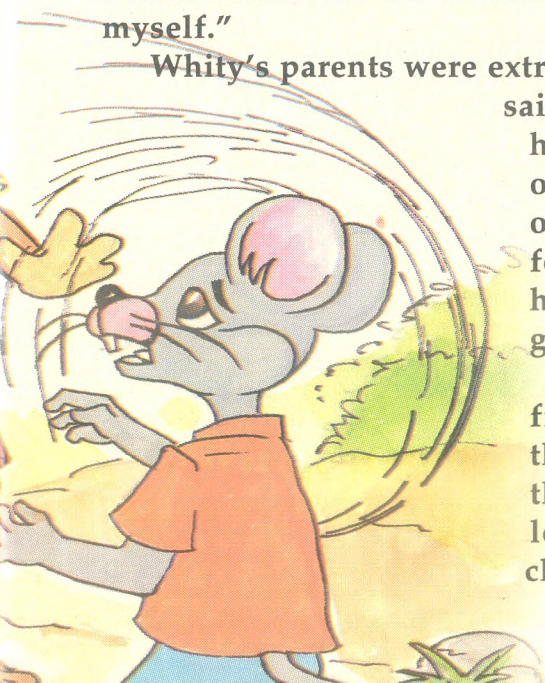
Whity Mouse did not lose his cool in adversity. He gathered his courage and decided to teach a lesson to the cat. Whity acted smartly. He picked up fistful of dust and threw at the chasing cat. The cat cried in pain because of the dust in her eyes and she ran towards the jungle.

Whity's presence of mind worked. He was able to dodge the cat successfully. Whity was saved and he returned home.

He said to his mother, "Mother, today I have learnt how to dodge the cat. I have overcome the fear of cats. I do not need the aircraft anymore. Moreover, the aircraft is of no use to me which lands me in trouble. Now I can defend myself."

Whity's parents were extremely delighted. They said, "Thank God, Whity has overcome the fear of cats and he has also overcome his obsession for the aircraft. We are happy that Whity has grown up strong."

When Whity's friends leant about their friend's bravery, they also gave him a loud applause by clapping.





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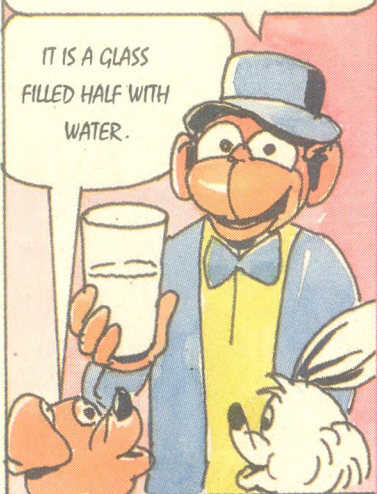
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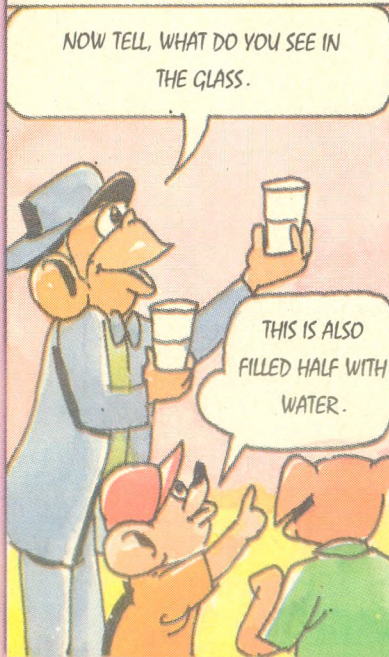


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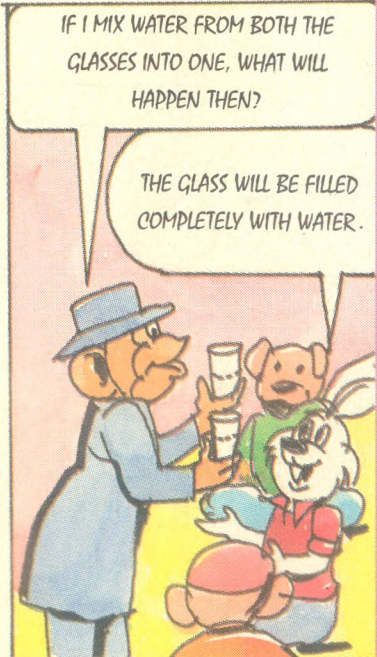


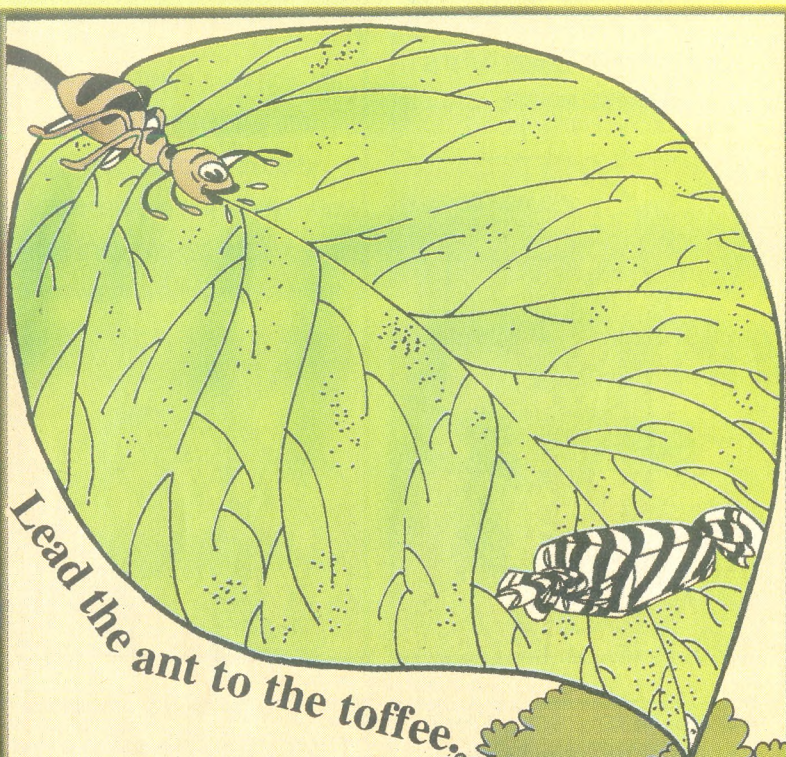
NOW TELL, WHAT DO YOU SEE IN
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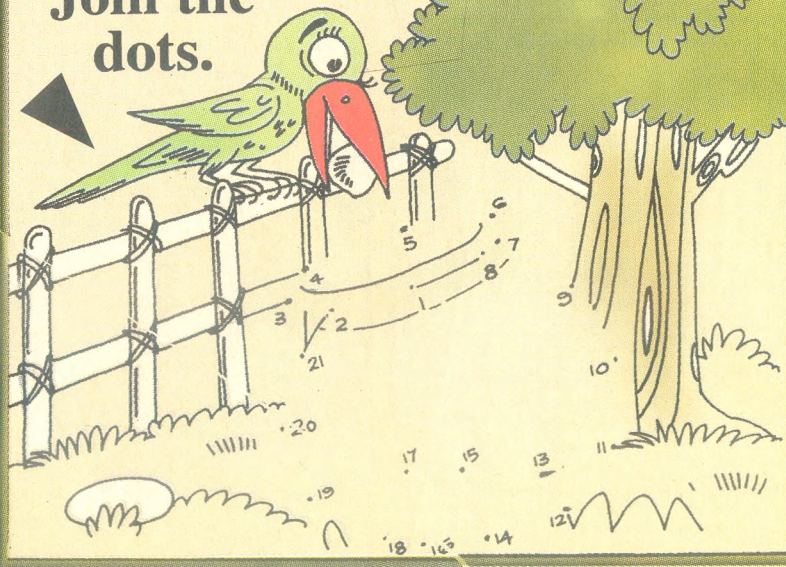
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Lead the ant to the toffee.

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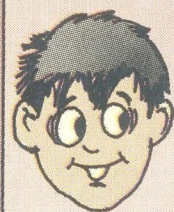
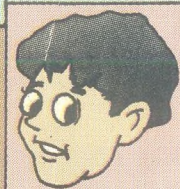


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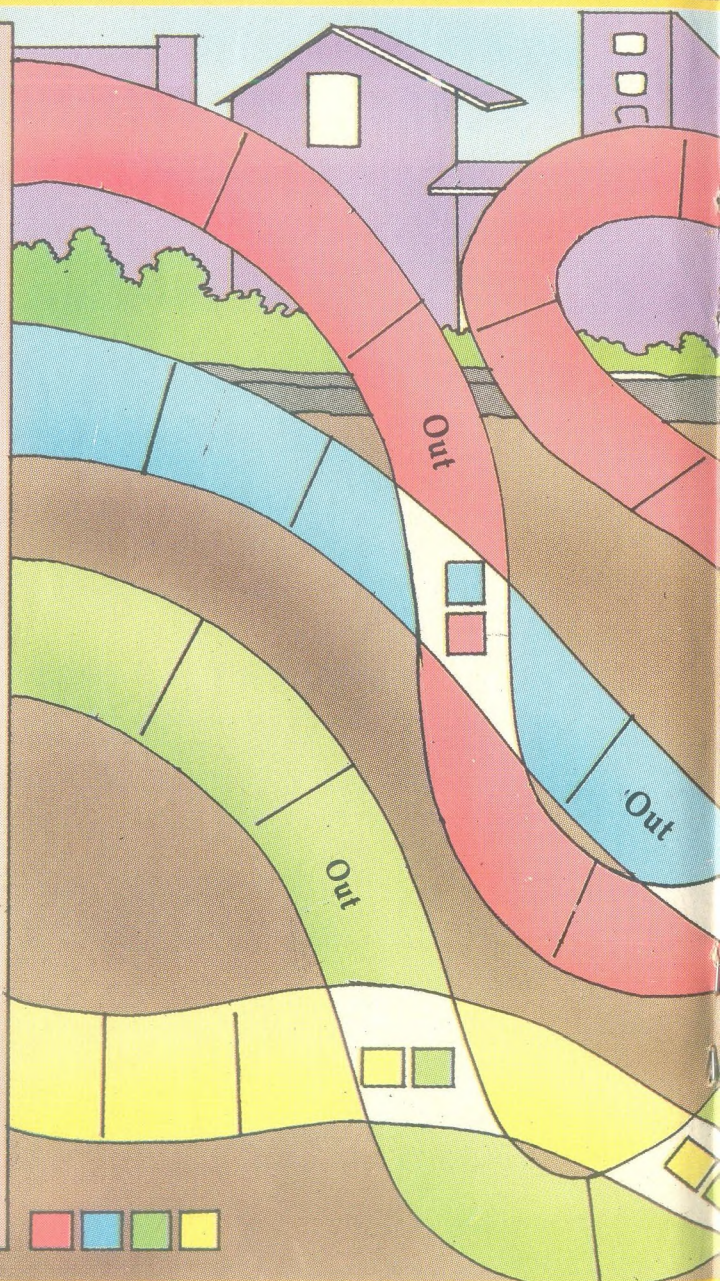
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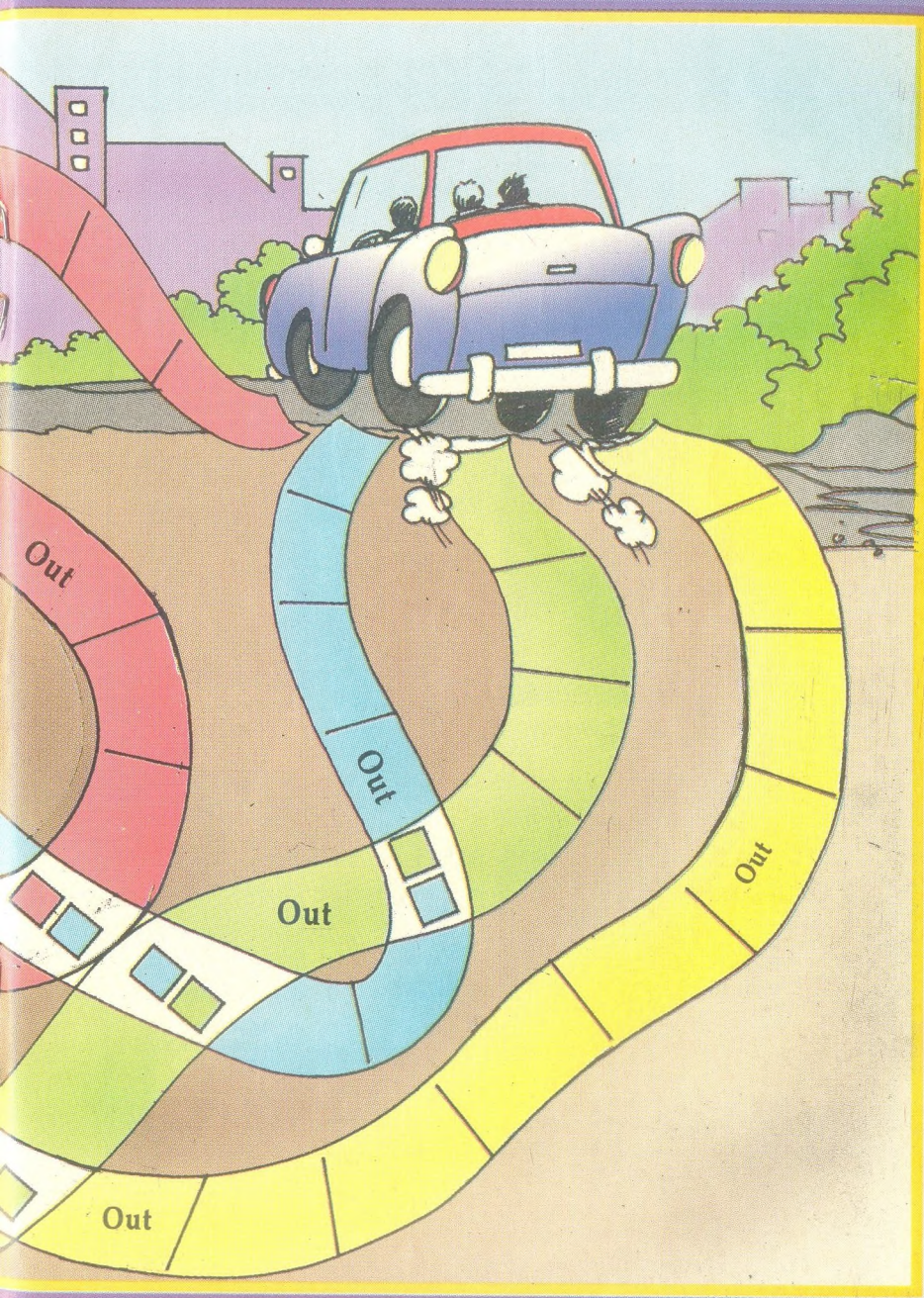
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- Every player has to select a colour of his choice in advance and while moving on the path you have to reach escaping car thieves.
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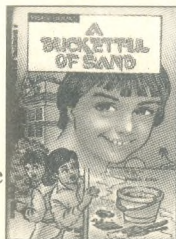
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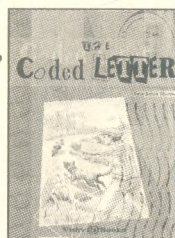
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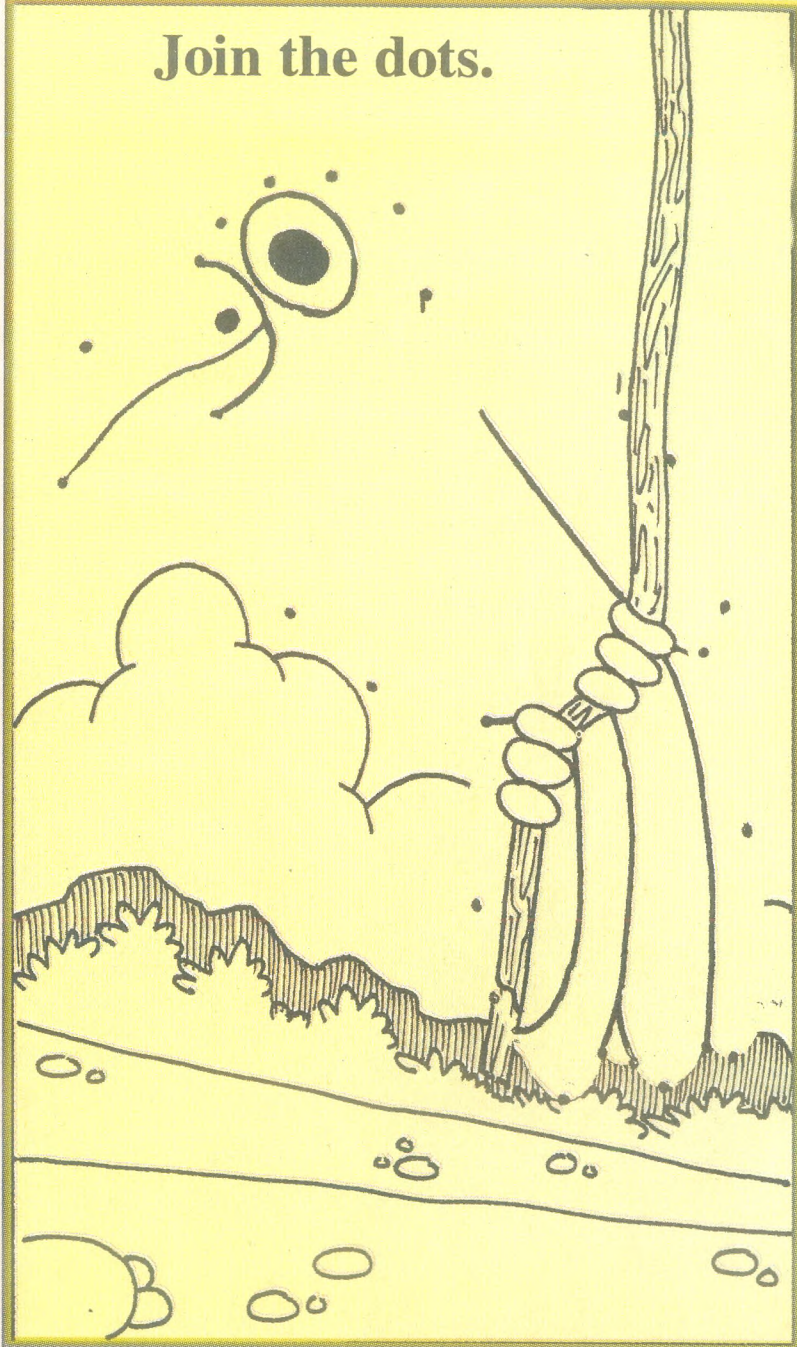
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"Yes I reached little late," said Mrs Jenny.

"Do you have Bunty's photograph?" asked Sherlock.

"Here it is," Mrs Jenny took out Bunty's identity card for Sherlock.

"I see...," Sherlock looked at the photograph for long time.

"Any of his likes or dislikes, such as food?" Sherlock asked again.

"He loves mangoes more than bananas, but you don't find them throughout the year," said Jenny.

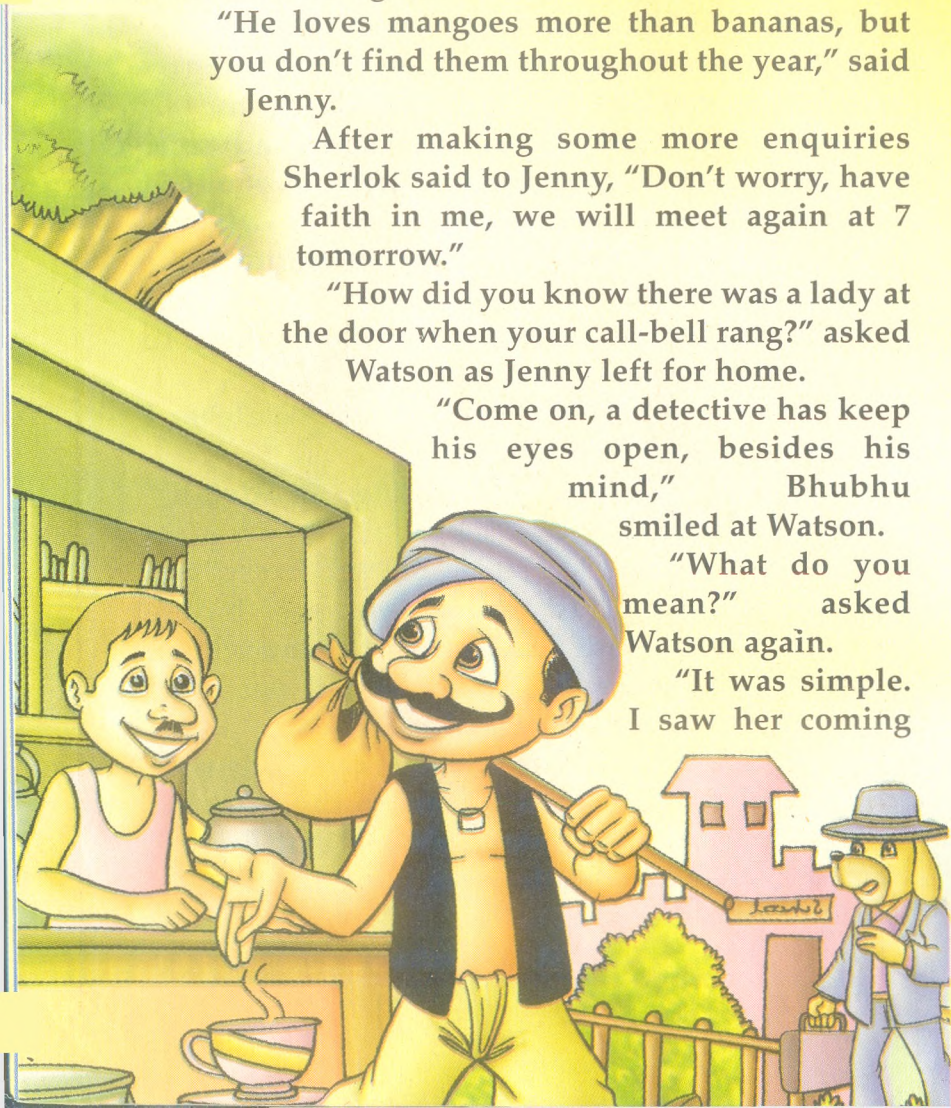
After making some more enquiries Sherlock said to Jenny, "Don't worry, have faith in me, we will meet again at 7 tomorrow."

"How did you know there was a lady at the door when your call-bell rang?" asked Watson as Jenny left for home.

"Come on, a detective has keep his eyes open, besides his mind," Bhubhu smiled at Watson.

"What do you mean?" asked Watson again.

"It was simple. I saw her coming



when I looked out of the window," laughed Sherlock loudly.

The next day, little before Harry Convent was to close for the day, Sherlock sporting his hat and dark sunglasses, was strolling in front of the school like any other parent. Watson was keeping a watch from the boundary wall of the school. A few customers were there at the tea stall in front of the school.

Suddenly, a fat monkey descended from the mango tree. He looked around and jumped inside the school compound.

"May be he is..." both the detectives became alert.

Before the final break, the children of monkeys, dogs, hens, rabbits and cows were sharing lunch under a tree. Suddenly, the fat monkey snatched jam and bread from the children.

'He can't be, he is not the kidnapper,' thought Sherlock in his heart.

Suddenly, the tea stall owner called somebody, "Hey you Juggler, how is the business these days?"

"It is real bad. Ever since the monkey has died, there is no fun in the show," said the Juggler.

"Why don't you do some other business? And where are you going with mangoes in this season?" asked the tea stall owner.

"Nothing... let me leave," said the Juggler and he started walking away.

Sherlok suddenly became alert. Quietly, he followed the Juggler. He had a house far down in the street. He closed the door of his house as he entered his house.

Some voices came from within the house, "Come on, have something or else you will die. See, I have

got you mangoes as well."

Inside the house, a monkey's child was yelling for his mother. Matter was quite clear.

Both the detectives kept hiding before the Juggler's house till late afternoon the next day. They were waiting for the Juggler to return home. Mrs Jenny was sitting on the terrace of the house opposite to the Juggler's house. Sherlock had decided everything well in advance. He saw the Juggler entering the street. All 3 of them became alert.

The moment the Juggler opened his door, Sherlock ran and caught the Juggler by his leg.

"Leave me...," shouted the Juggler.

Sherlok also tried to scare him.

The Juggler got angry. He chased Sherlock and Sherlock too ran fast.

Meanwhile Watson and Jenny entered the Juggler's house. Bunty was tied down with ropes. Juggler's monkey had died and that is why he had kidnapped Bunty for training him for business of Jugglery.

"Mother...," Bunty ran and hugged his mother.

"Now stop all this and let us get out of this place fast," said Watson and he came out of the house with Bunty and his mother. They all ran away.

The Juggler returned back and was shocked to find Bunty missing from his house. Little away at the tea stall customers were chatting about the thieves.

Bunty said, "The Juggler called him and gave some chocolates."

"Enough," said Sherlock, "you have already learnt a lesson. Never ever accept any eatables from a stranger. Is that clear?"

"Yes sir," said Bunty smilingly.

Binny's Game

by N.K. Sagar

QUEEN HONEYBEE had a daughter. Her name was Binny Princess. Binny was very mischievous.

She never played with the other children. She only loved to play alone. To trouble other animals of the jungle was her favourite pastime. She often used to sting them.

The poor animals used to run all over when stung by the Princess, who always enjoyed seeing them in trouble.

She specially used to enjoy stinging Funny Monkey. Funny Monkey when stung used to have



intense pain and used to jump from one branch of the tree to other. Binny used to clap and enjoyed watching him pain.

She never gathered honey in her stock. She always argued that she was a princess and what was the need for her to work. So many honeybees lived in the beehive, won't they give honey to her?

One day Funny Monkey told the Honeybees, "Why don't you ask the Princess to behave? She stings me everyday. If she behaved the way she wanted, then I will have to leave Champakvan forever."

"Sorry Brother, we can't help you in this matter. Binny will not mend her ways. If we complaint to the Queen Bee, she punishes us," said one of the Honeybees in a sad voice.

"It means I have to leave the jungle," murmured Funny Monkey.

"No Uncle," said a little Flower.

"You will not leave the jungle, rather Binny has mend her ways."

"But you are very small. How will you stop Binny?" Funny Monkey asked the Flower.

The Flower replied, "Agreed that I am small but my brain is not small. I will teach a lesson to Binny."

The Flower said to his friends, "Friends, I have an idea. Please do as I say."

On the other hand, Binny was stinging other animals and was enjoying her game. But she did not find Funny Monkey anywhere.

'Maybe he has left the jungle forever,' thought Binny and she smiled at her smartness.

Binny had been playing since morning and she felt hungry. She quickly flew back towards the

flowers in the flowerbed.

The moment she sat on a flower to suck the sweet nectar, the flower closed its petals. When Binny flew to other flowers, and they too closed its petals.

"What has happened to you today?" Binny asked the flowers.

"We are playing a game. This game is exactly the same which you play. Come, you also enjoy this game," the Little Flower said to Binny.

Whichever flower Binny approached, the flower used to get closed and opened when Binny used to fly away.

Binny was very hungry and soon she got tired.

"Stop your game. I am getting irritated because of your game," Binny shouted angrily.

"Why do we care wheather you are enjoying the game or not. We are certainly enjoying the game," said the Little Flower.

"Why don't you understand? I am very hungry. If you do not let me suck your nectar, I will die of hunger," Binny said with tears in her eyes.

The Little Flower saw Binny in tears and said, "Today, you are finding our game quite troublesome, but when you sting animals don't they experience pain?"

Binny immediately realised her mistake. She said, "Please forgive me. I promise that I will never ever trouble any animal."

"If you promise to do so, then we will allow you to suck our nectar. But always remember, don't ever play any such game which causes trouble and pain to others," the Little Flower warned the Princess.



Total Surprise

by Ashesh

MADAM CUCKOO had recently arrived in the jungle. She was sporting fancy sunglasses and purse over her shoulder.

"She has bought the garden full of mango trees from a parrot," the Squirrel informed the Chameleon.

"The Pigeon has told me that she has been appointed as a music teacher for teaching music in the jungle school," said the Chameleon.

Browney Sparrow who was sitting on the tree said, "Madam Cuckoo is very well-educated. She talks less. She has trees in his garden which are fully laden with

mangoes. But she has fixed a board in front of her garden. Come, let us go and read it."

"But you must have read it?" asked the Squirrel.

"Yes I had seen it, but I could not read it properly. Madam was at home at that time. Now she is off to the school," said Browney.

"Wow! It is almost like a fair," they said as they reached near the garden.

Many birds and animals had assembled near the gate.

A big board was displayed at the gate and everybody was looking at the gate. The warning on the board read, "This is a orchard. This is not a thoroughfare. Passing through or flying over this property is prohibited.

"Trespasser will be prosecuted and fined—Madam Cuckoo, Music Teacher."

Harry Parrot read the warning on the board and said, "The garden is fully laden with mangoes. If we do not eat these mangoes then are the tigers and lions are going to eat them?"

"I can manage myself but the mangoes will perish," said the Goat.

Suddenly, a mango fell down and came rolling near the gate.

"Pick it up," said Jenney.

"No... no," said Harry "I am scared of the owner of the garden."

A few more mangoes fell down and everybody was scared.

"Let us run away," the Squirrel scared everybody, "otherwise we will be blamed for felling mangoes."

Everybody ran away. A few days later everybody was taken by sudden surprise.

Madam Cuckoo had announced that singing competition had been organised in the Music School the next day. Everybody was welcome to take part in the singing competition and all were welcome as spectators.

The next day everybody saw that Madam Cuckoo was very talkative and made others laugh.

At the end of the programme Madam Cuckoo said, "When there is an opportunity to talk, one should talk and should sing and dance as well.

"One should never get scared of falling mangoes and one should never run away."

Everybody was thoroughly confused.

"How did you see us running? You were in the school," asked Harry.

"Should I tell everybody what all you and others had been talking and doing? Should I...," Madam Cuckoo laughed loudly.

Madam Cuckoo then said, "I have hidden cameras in my garden.

"When I return home I play back all the recordings, so be careful."



"We will never ever come near your garden," said the Sparrow.

"You will have to come the next Sunday, it is my birthday. By then a lot of mangoes would have matured. You all can eat as many mangoes as you can,"

Madam Cuckoo invited everybody for her birthday.

"But you have given warning on the board," said the Goat, "that it was not a thoroughfare."

"It was a right warning. The mangoes were not fully matured, still they are not.

"The bad mangoes have fallen down. On my birthday all of you will get juicy mangoes."

"I will buy 10 kg of mangoes," said the Donkey and everybody peeled into laughter.

The Horse said, "He is not only a donkey but he is a donkey of the first order. As such donkey never eats mangoes but when he is invited for a party, he wants to pay for the party."

And the Donkey felt ashamed at his sudden statement.



"DOCTOR, HAVE a look at my child, I don't know what has happened to him," Mrs Mili, the wife of Crany Crow said to Dr Geru Giraffe as she entered his clinic.

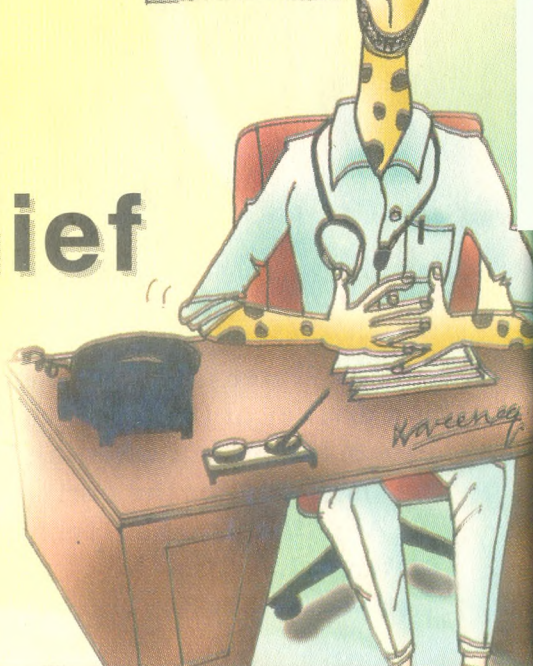
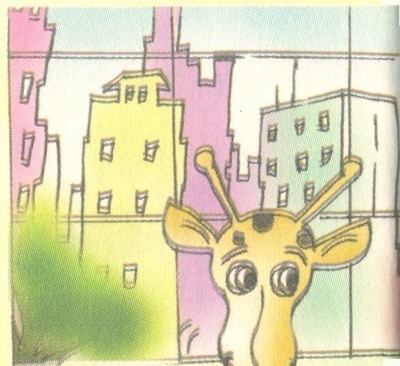
"What is the matter? Tell me everything," said Dr Giraffe as he examined child's pulse.

"Doctor, I laid 3 eggs few days ago. After hatching them, 3 little children came out from the eggs. I looked after them well. They have even started talking. But out of them this child has a strange voice. I fear something is wrong with his throat," said Mili.

"What kind of voice this child has?" asked the Doctor.

Mischief

by Dr Rajeev Gupta



"It is like a cuckoo's voice," replied Mili.

The Doctor paused and looked at the child. He once again examined Mili's child carefully. Meanwhile the child also woke up and started making cuckoo-like calls.

"The child is perfectly fine," Doctor Geru smiled.

"Then why he is speaking like a cuckoo?" asked Mili.

"Because he is cuckoo's child," Doctor laughed.

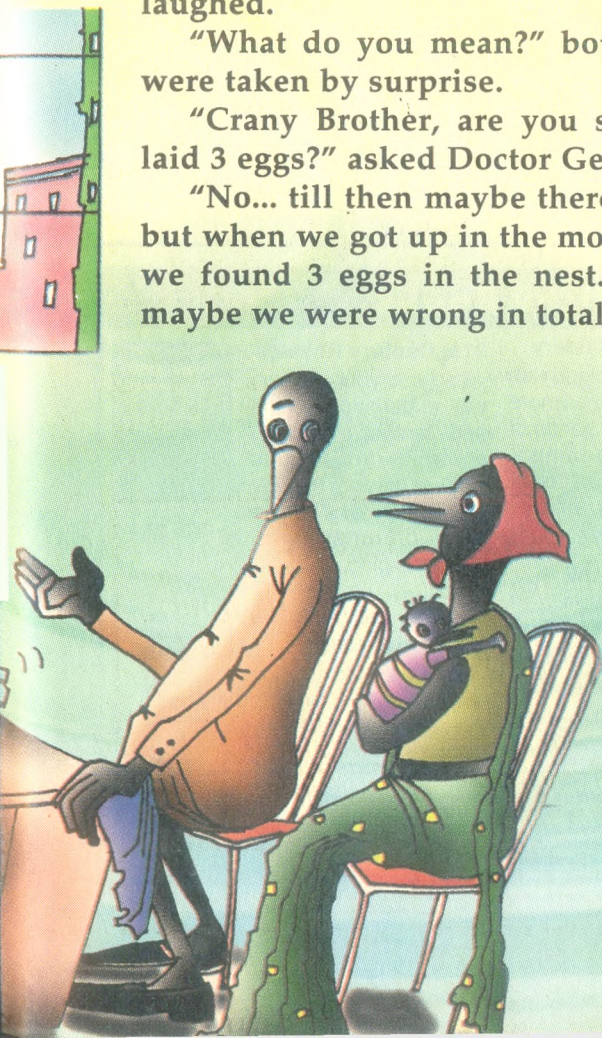
"What do you mean?" both Mili and Crany were taken by surprise.

"Crany Brother, are you sure that Mili had laid 3 eggs?" asked Doctor Geru laughingly.

"No... till then maybe there were only 2 eggs, but when we got up in the morning the next day, we found 3 eggs in the nest. Then we thought maybe we were wrong in totalling the number of eggs," said Crany.

"No, there was no mistake on your part. Actually, Mili had laid only 2 eggs.

"The 3rd egg was kept by Mrs Cuckoo in your nest the same night; so that she does not have to raise her child," explained Doctor Geru.



"This is the mischief played by Shayama Cuckoo," said Mili.

"Who is Shayama?" asked Dr Geru.

"She is our neighbour. She often visits our house. She has nicely fooled us. Today I will hand over her child to Shayama," Crany said angrily.

"No... no, I will not allow you to do so. Now I am only the child's mother. I only have raised the child," said Mili.

"Shayama is lazy of the first order. How can she raise her child," said Mili and cuddled the child.

Now she was laughing loudly.

Everybody who heard about this incident also laughed loudly.

Everybody praised Mili and Crany because they were raising other's child with full responsibility.

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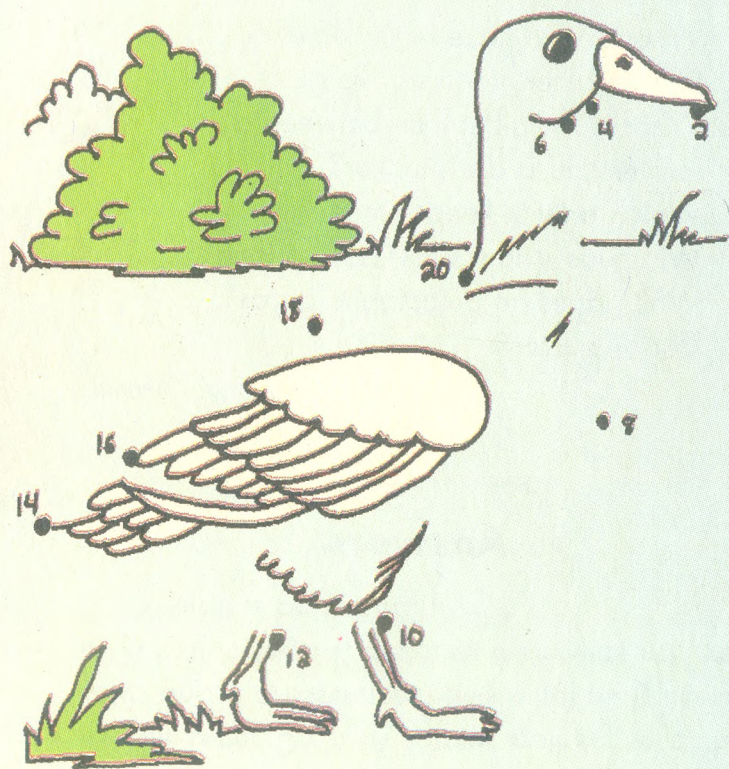
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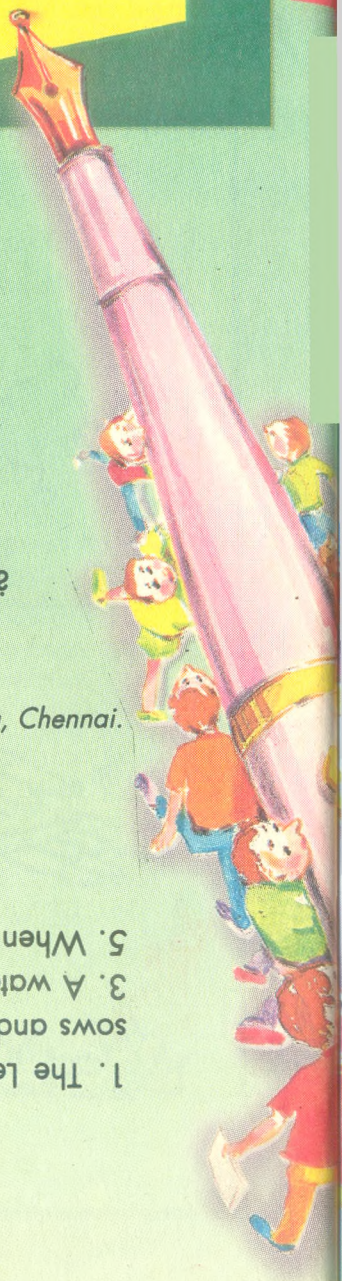
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— V. Aparna, Chennai.

Answers

1. The Letter D. 2. A farmer gathers what he sows and a dress-maker sews what he gathers.
3. A watch-dog. 4. Because there was no Eve.
5. When it is on the train.



Funny questions

1. What did the big fountain say to the little fountain?
2. What did the daddy shoe say to the baby shoe?
3. What did one lift say to the other?
4. What did the bee say to the rose?
5. What did the calculator say to the accountant?
6. What did the postage stamp say to the envelope?
7. What did the policeman have in his sandwiches?
8. What makes the tower of Pisa lean?

— Nithya Subhas, Mumbai.

Answers

1. You are too young to drink.
2. You better shine up.
3. I have the ups and downs in my life.
4. Hi bud!
5. You can count on me.
6. We are in a sticky situation.
7. Traffic jam.
8. It never eats.



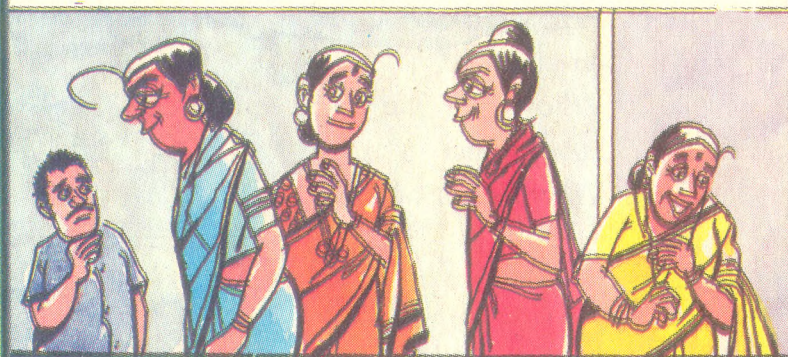
HARD WORK

BY SHIRAZ MUJAWAR

A BUSINESSMAN LIVED IN A VILLAGE



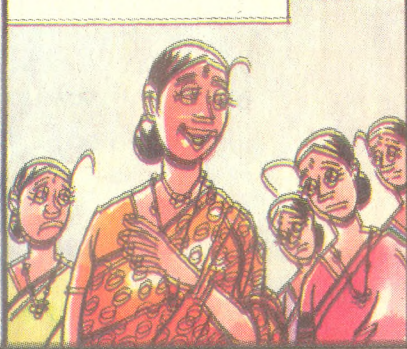
HE HAD 5 SONS. ALL OF THEM WERE MARRIED. HIS FIRST 4 DAUGHTER-IN-LAWS WERE EXTREMELY LAZY.



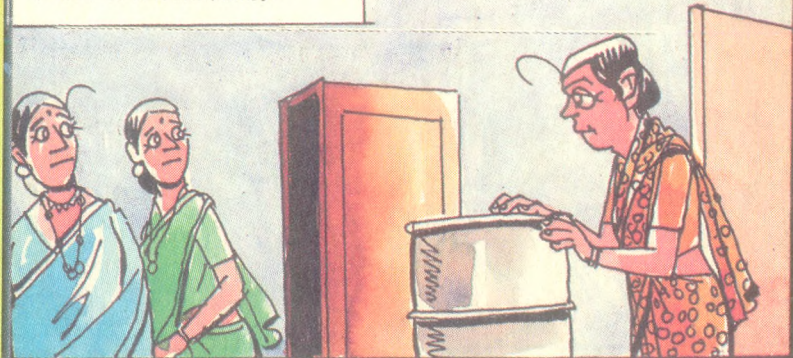
THEY OFTEN QUARRELLED OVER HOUSEHOLD CHORES.



THE 5TH DAUGHTER-IN-LAW HAILED FROM A POOR FAMILY, BUT SHE WAS WELL-EDUCATED.



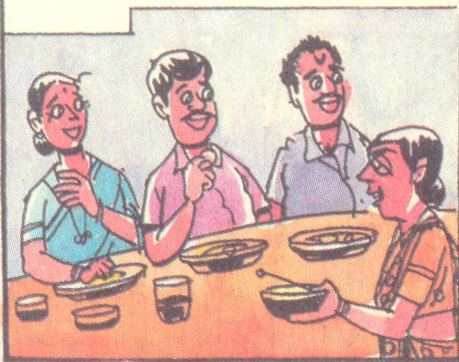
SHE OBSERVED THAT NONE OF HER OTHER SISTER-IN-LAWS OFFERED TO SHOULDER HOUSEHOLD RESPONSIBILITIES.



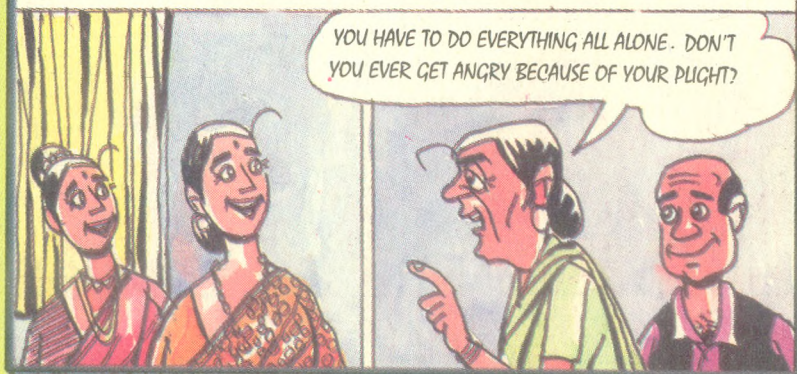
EVERY MORNING SHE USED TO GET UP EARLY AND FINISHED ALL THE HOUSEHOLD CHORES SINGLE-HANDED.



SHE COOKED DELICACIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY MEMBERS AND WAS ALWAYS LAST TO EAT HER FOOD.

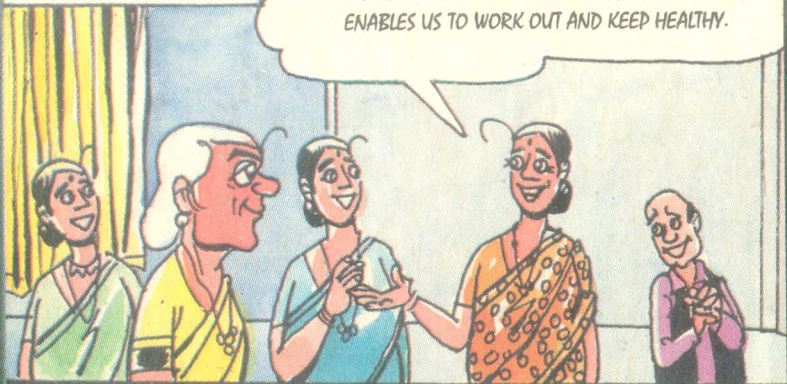


HER MOTHER-IN-LAW WAS PLEASED. ONE DAY SHE SAID —



SHE REPLIED —

MOTHER, NOBODY DIES OF WORKING RATHER WORK ENABLES US TO WORK OUT AND KEEP HEALTHY.



MOREOVER, WHAT IS THE POINT TO SHIRK YOUR OWN HOUSEHOLD CHORES.



THE REST OF HER SISTER-IN-LAWS FELT VERY ASHAMED TO HEAR HER PIECE OF MIND.

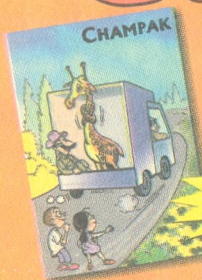


SOON THEY REALISED THE IMPORTANCE OF SHARING HOUSEHOLD RESPONSIBILITIES AND TO MAKE THE ENVIRONMENT IN HOUSE MORE HAPPIER.



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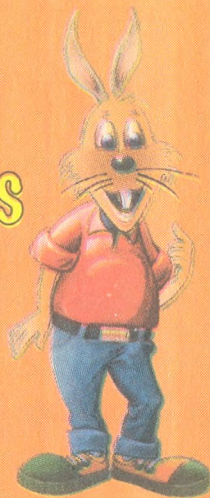


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SANJU'S SHERU was a very sweet and cute dog. He was very intelligent as well. He obeyed every command of Sanju. He always played with Sanju and gave him company.

Sanju too considered Sheru to be his friend. He loved Sheru like a true friend.

Sheru was very happy to get plenty of love from Sanju. But his happiness did not last long. He was often found sad.

The main reason for Sheru's sadness was a robotic dog.

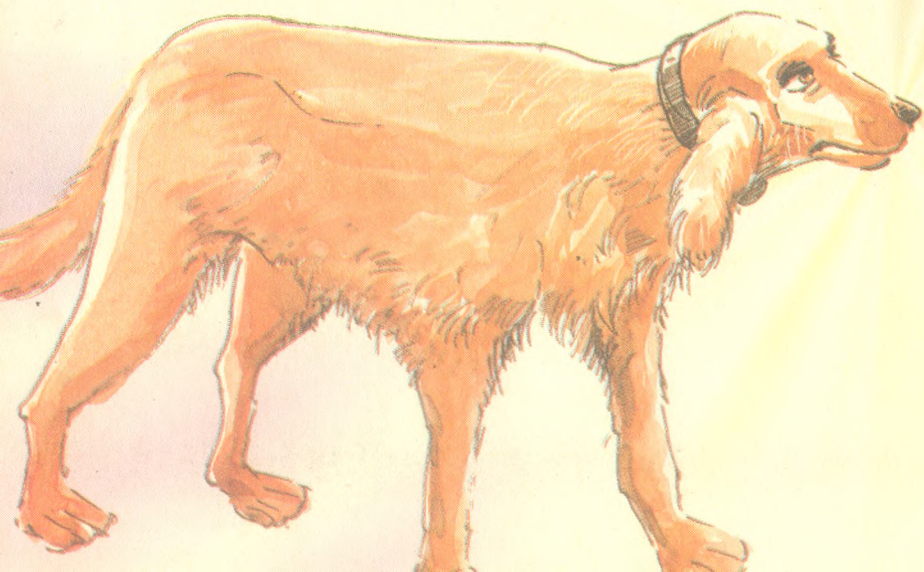
Ever since Sanju had got the robotic dog, he had forgotten Sheru.

Sanju now played with the robotic dog and did not care for Sheru. Sheru always looked forward for being loved by Sanju.

One day seeing the plight of Sheru Sanju's mother said, "Sanju, you should also take care of Sheru, he is your old friend."

"No, now this is my friend," said Sanju as he caressed his robotic dog.

"I have nothing to do with Sheru. He keeps



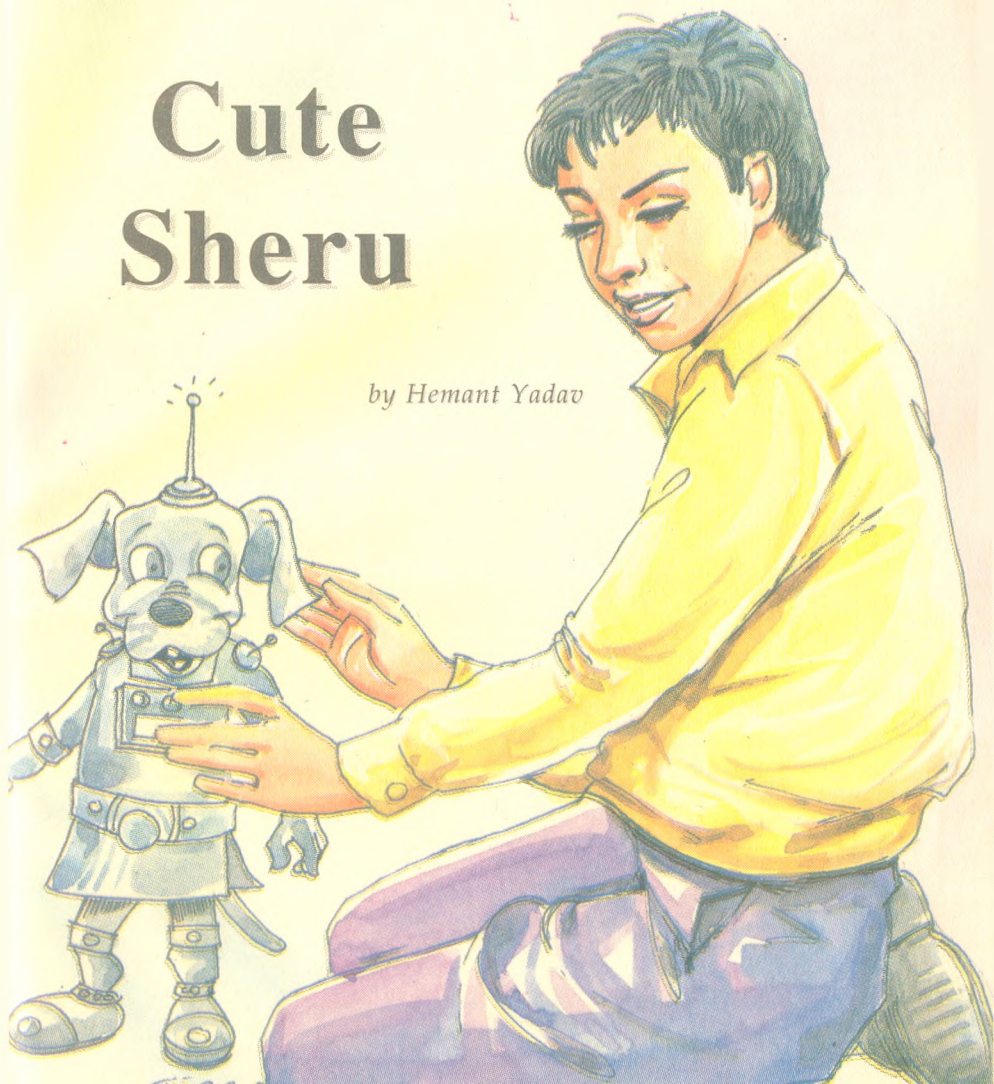
barking all the time. You drive him out of our house."

Sheru felt extremely bad to learn about Sanju's feelings for him. He never thought that Sanju could think about driving him out of his house. Tears rolled down from his eyes when he heard Sanju.

He thought, 'Even if he is driven out of the house by Sanju's mother, he will not go anywhere and will just keep sitting at the gate.'

Cute Sheru

by Hemant Yadav



But Sanju's mother did not drive him away. Sheru quietly watched Sanju playing with his robotic dog.

One day Sanju was playing football in the lawn with his robotic dog.

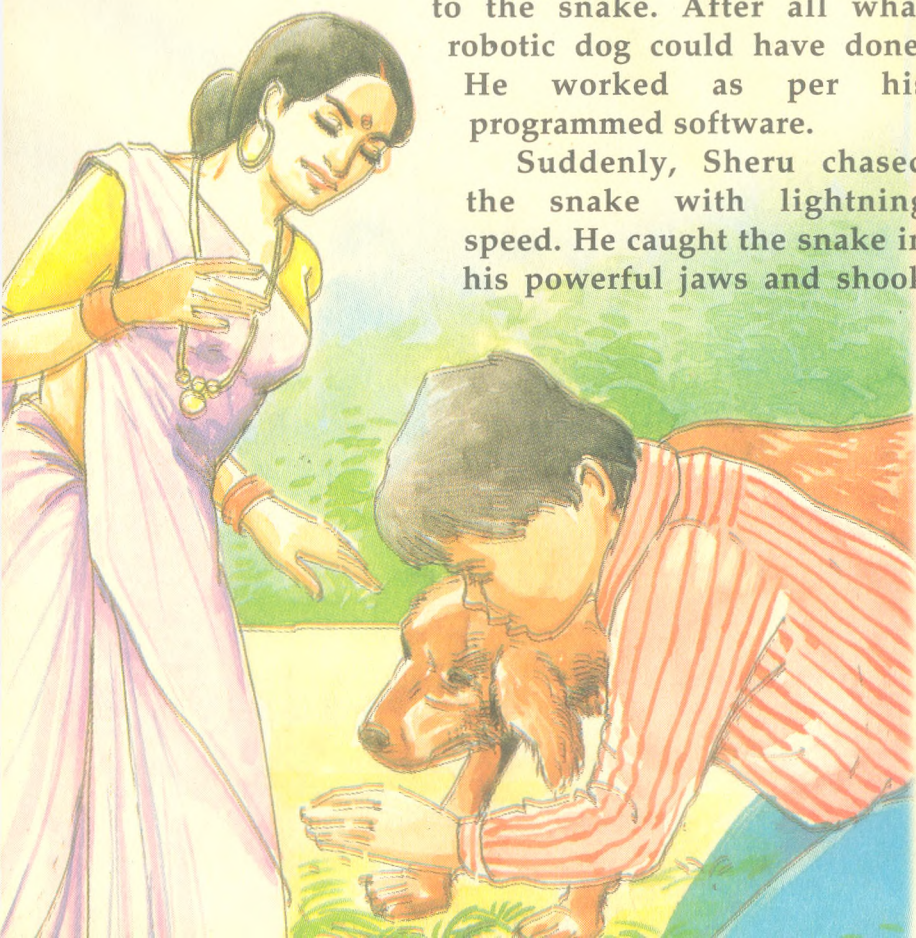
Suddenly, the ball went into the bushes and Sanju followed the ball for taking it out of the bushes.

A snake was coiled up in the bushes and the snake bit Sanju on his leg.

Sanju cried in pain as he was bitten by the snake. He shouted, "A snake has bitten me, kill him."

But the robotic dog did nothing to the snake. After all what robotic dog could have done. He worked as per his programmed software.

Suddenly, Sheru chased the snake with lightning speed. He caught the snake in his powerful jaws and shook



him to death. Then he came running inside the house.

He kept barking loudly and entered the kitchen. He caught Sanju's mother's saree and pulled her out towards the lawn.

Sanju's mother thought, 'Let us go out and check what was the matter?'

Sanju's mother came in the lawn and saw Sanju had tied a handkerchief tightly on his leg.

"What happened Sanju?" asked the scared mother.

"A snake has bitten me," replied Sanju. "Sheru has killed the snake."

Sanju's mother immediately took Sanju in her car to the hospital.

With an immediate treatment Sanju's life was saved.

"If Sheru had not told me about the incident, a tragedy would have happened," said Sanju's mother "Your life has been saved because of Sheru."

Sanju realised that despite being an animal, Sheru has acted like a true friend.

Really, his Sheru is indeed very intelligent.

"My dear cute Sheru," said Sanju and he hugged Sheru.

Sheru also began wagging his tail happily. ●

Crack the jumbled words

Jumbled words

1. Lowyel
2. Hrica
3. Kecopac
4. Racefn

Clue

- A colour.
A piece of furniture.
A national bird.
The name of a country.

Ans. 1. Yellow. 2. Chair. 3. Peacock. 4. France.

THE STORY dates back to an era when the sparrows never lived on trees. They had their colonies. They often danced and ate together. They also had fire with them. They cooked their food on the fire.

Changed Role

by Narendra Devangan

One day the sparrows danced a lot. Later as they were tired, they went to sleep. Fire was burning in the stove outside which they forgot to keep it inside their house. It rained during the night and the fire was doused.

The next morning the sparrows came to know that the fire was put off in the stove. They all became sad. 'How will they cook their food now? How will they keep warm themselves during the biting cold? How will they keep away wild animals? There were many questions in their minds.

One of the sparrows informed, "Away from the



hills a man was living in his hut. He has fire in his house. But who will go there to get the fire?"

"I will go," said the Rooster.

"But how will you get the fire from such a long distance?" asked the other sparrow.

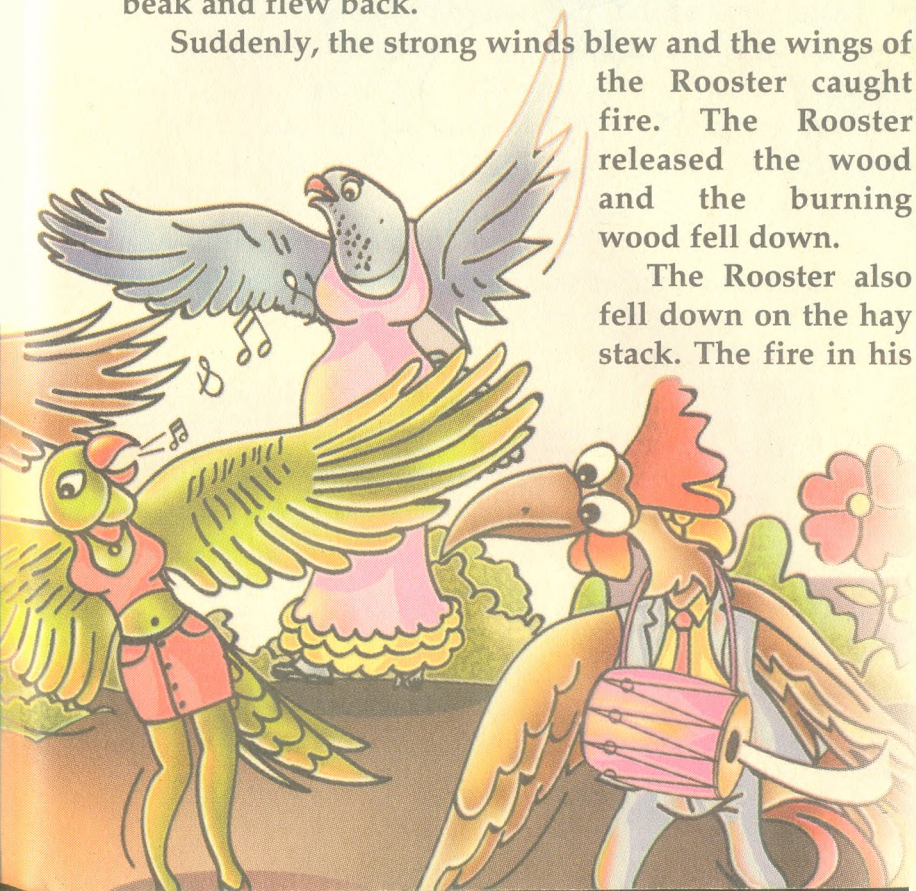
"Don't worry, I will get the fire," said the Rooster and he flew away.

Those days the Rooster had big wings and used to fly at a great speed.

The Rooster saw the hut while flying. The smoke was coming out of the chimney. The Rooster understood that this house must be having the fire. He crossed the wall and entered the courtyard. He saw the fire in the stove. He picked up a burning wood in his beak and flew back.

Suddenly, the strong winds blew and the wings of the Rooster caught fire. The Rooster released the wood and the burning wood fell down.

The Rooster also fell down on the hay stack. The fire in his



wings was doused; but he was burnt badly. The Rooster tried to fly but he could not fly far. He was in great pain.

A girl came out of the hut. She had never seen a Rooster in her life. She picked up the injured Rooster and applied medicine on his wounds.

"Where have you come from?" asked the girl. And the Rooster told her everything.

He became sad and said, "Now how will I return home, I can't even fly now."

The girl said, "Don't worry, you can stay with us. We don't have anybody like you. We will treat you as a part of our family."

The Rooster liked the girl's offer. For a while he forgot that he was sent by sparrows to get the fire. The sparrows were really worried for the Rooster.

The Rooster started living in the hut. But he was often worried. He was hardly able to sleep at night.

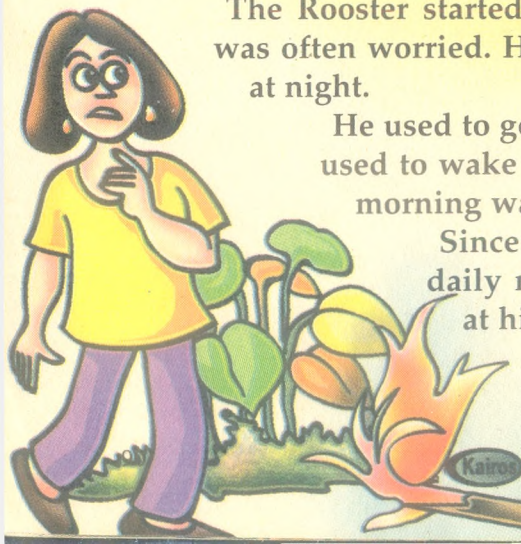
He used to get up before everybody. He used to wake up everybody by his early morning wake up call.

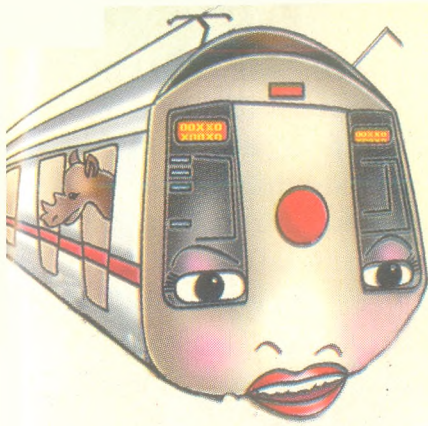
Since then it had become his daily routine, and he was happy at his changed role.

Gradually, the sparrows too forgot about the Rooster forever.



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Train and her Friends

THE TRAIN arrived in the beautiful Himaliyan valley for the first time. The rail tracks were laid upto the peak of the mountain. The train rolled on its track on the mountain for the first time.

Suddenly, a buffalo came on its track. She was basking in the sun while sitting comfortably on the tracks.

The train whistled loudly but the fat buffalo did not budge. The train came and stopped before the buffalo.

"Get aside Sister, I have to travel upto the top. On the way I have to drop the passengers at various stations. I have to pick up new passengers as well."

"You are in such a great hurry that can't you even talk to me for some time," said the fat Buffalo. "I have heard that the train was coming. I thought that I will make friends with the train. I will take her to my home, but you have no time."

The Train said, "Okay, from now on we are good friends. Quickly get into open carriage, I will drop you wherever you want!"

"But on one condition," said the Buffalo.

"Speak up Fatso, quickly," shouted the

Rhinoceros loudly. "Don't waste our time."

"I will come to your house or you will have to come to my house," the Buffalo told her condition.

"Okay, today I will take you to my house at the bigger station," promised the train.

The Rhinoceros said as the Buffalo alighted the train, "She should be taken to the police station."

All the animals started laughing.

At the next turn Motu Elephant was sleeping on the tracks and got up abruptly when he heard the whistle.

"Good that you have come," said Motu, "I have



organised a party in the jungle to welcome you. Many animals are waiting for you."

The Train tried a lot to suggest that she was busy but Motu did not agree with her excuse.

"Okay friend, I am ready, but you have to get the tracks laid for me first," said the Train.

"I never thought about it, now what will happen?" said the Elephant.

"You arrange for the party near the station. I can wait at station for a while," said the Train.

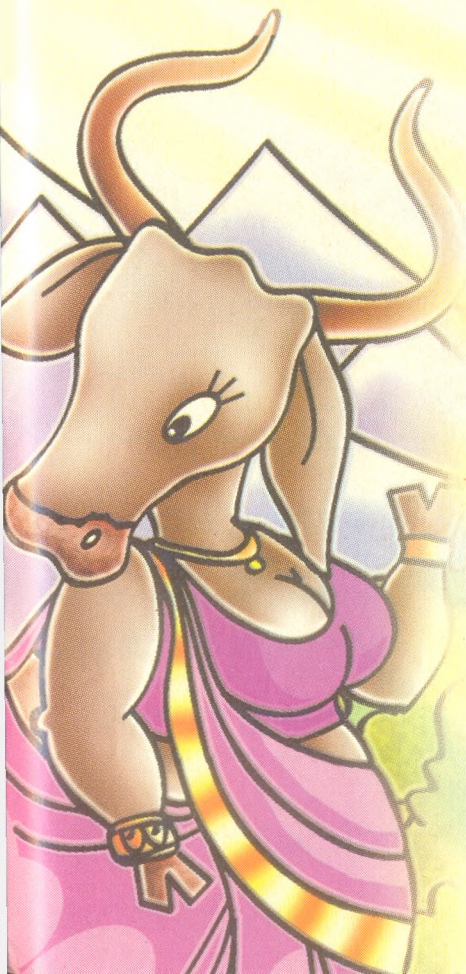
The Train moved forward, but soon she was surrounded by a bunch of monkeys.

"We want bananas. We know bananas are loaded on your carriage. We have never eaten any bananas, but we have heard that bananas are good for monkeys," said the monkeys.

The Train gave them bananas.

Other monkeys started climbing down from the trees when they saw the bananas. The mothers too started asking for the bananas for their young ones. Soon all the bananas on the trains were exhausted.

"I will have to think seriously about such





friends, otherwise soon I will go bankrupt,” said the Train to the Station Master Hathi Ram at the last station.

Next day arrangements were made at all the places. Informations were written on signboards for the animals which read, “The train will stop only at the railway stations. If any animal or bird will come on the track, he will get crushed.”

Soon the animals understood various rules of the train. The complaint booths were set up at every station for the animals.

They all were also given a lot of time to talk to the train.

Magic of the Junk Camera

by Shantha Nagarajan

JOJO MONKEY was furious. He looked at his watch and screamed, "It is 10 o'clock! Should I daily tell them to come to school in time? Don't they know classes start at 9?"

Ever since Jojo started the Peepal High School under a huge peepal tree in Jungle Nagar, he had to struggle a lot to run the school. Most of the students who joined his school were uninterested, irregular and lazy.

Now the school year was coming to an end. The final exams were about to commence. Jojo was worried about conducting the exams smoothly. Will they come prepared for the exam? Will they follow the rules and write their exam quietly?

"You look worried Mr Jojo! What is the problem?" asked Bablu Monkey, the Headmaster of the nearby Chimpanzee High School.

"You know Mr Bablu, what kind of students we have in our school. Unruly, disobedient and uncontrollable! Now the final exams will begin in about a week. During the last terminal exam I had a terrible time controlling them. Now how am I going to conduct the coming exam?"

"You must be alert and keep a watchful eye on each one of them," suggested Bablu.

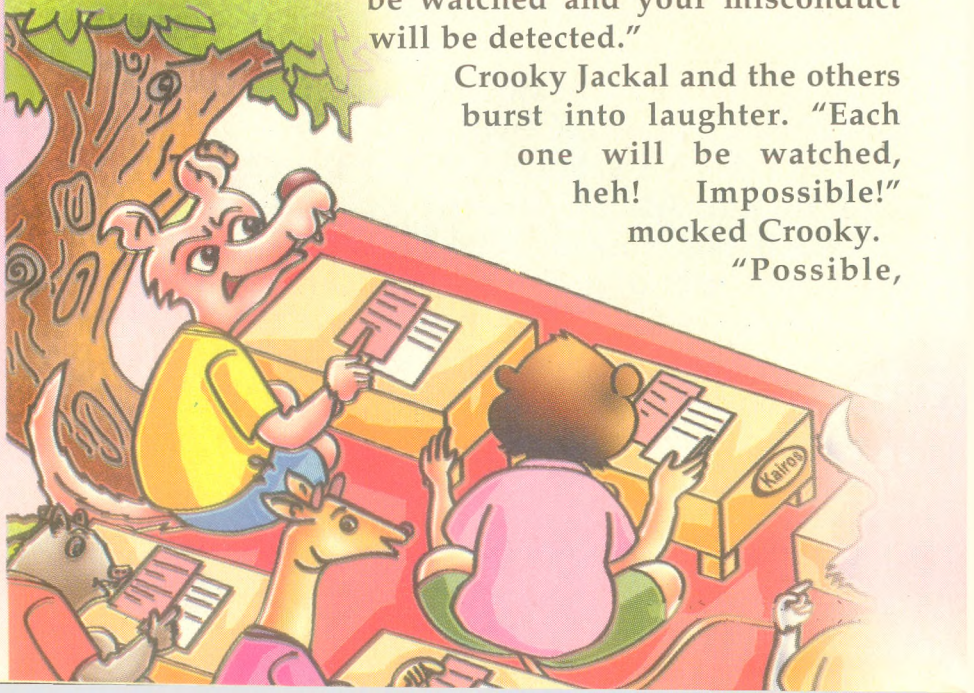
"How is it possible Mr Bablu, to keep an eye on each one when there are so many students?" Jojo shook his head sadly.

On Sunday while cleaning his house, Jojo cleared all the unwanted junks from his room. While picking one by one the unwanted things to be thrown, his attention was attracted by an old camera bought many years ago."

While he was keeping the old model camera in his hand and having a close look at it, a flash of idea struck his mind. "Let me not throw this away. Ah! I have a bright idea and this old camera is going to be of great use in carrying out my plan."

A day before the start of the exam, Jojo addressed the noisy students. "Students, during the last exam there was complete indiscipline. Most of you were copying from books and the answer papers of good students. Now for tomorrow's exam you won't be able to misbehave in the hall for I have made such wonderful arrangement. Each one of you will be watched and your misconduct will be detected."

Crooky Jackal and the others burst into laughter. "Each one will be watched, heh! Impossible!" mocked Crooky.
"Possible,



can you see some object partly visible in the midst of the leaves right above your heads?"

"Looks like a camera!" screamed the surprised students.

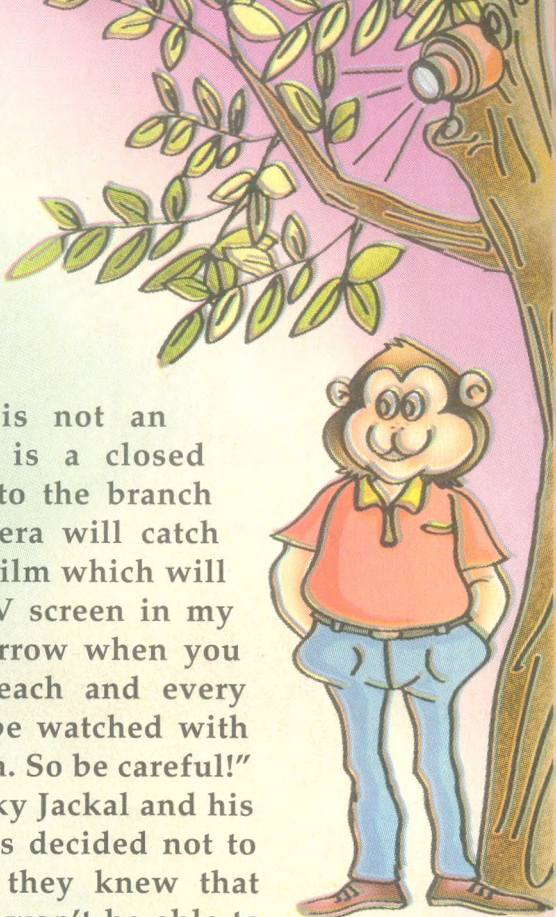
"Correct, but it is not an ordinary camera, it is a closed circuit camera fitted to the branch above you. This camera will catch the scene here in the film which will be replayed in the TV screen in my office room. So tomorrow when you all write the exam, each and every action of yours will be watched with the help of this camera. So be careful!"

The next day Crooky Jackal and his group of lazy students decided not to attend the exam for they knew that without copying they won't be able to write a single correct answer. But their parents dragged them to the exam hall and forced them to write the exam.

After distributing the question papers, Jojo Monkey moved away from there and hiding himself behind a tree, watched the scene.

Conscious of being watched by the camera, the whole class remained quiet and disciplined till the end.

"Thank you antique camera!" Jojo heaved a sigh of relief. Looking at the happy and cheerful Jojo, Bablu Monkey who passed that way exclaimed,





"My god! Mr Jojo, you look very cheerful! I am sure today's exam went on smoothly. Tell me what happened."

Jojo grinned proudly. "Thanks to the magic power of a junk camera I could discipline them and make them behave well in the class."

"Magic camera?"

"It is actually an old camera dumped into the junk heap. I just fixed the camera to the tree branch, making just a part of it visible. By convincing them that it was a closed circuit camera that will capture all that happens in the class, managed to discipline them."

"Well done Jojo! The best part of it is that they would have realised that cheating will not help and that other than hard work there is no short-cut to success," remarked Bablu Monkey.

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